

Fingerprinting New Real Estate Appraisal Licensees; HB 2580

HB 2580 authorizes the Kansas Real Estate Appraisal Board to require fingerprinting of certain individuals seeking licenses as mandated by federal rules for licensing all new appraisers. Specifically, the Board, in order to perform state and national criminal history records checks, may require individuals to be fingerprinted, including:

- Any individual seeking an original license or certification, licensure by reciprocity or endorsement, or renewal of a license or certification; or
- A currently licensed or certified individual, if necessary, to investigate a complaint, or if required by the Appraisal Subcommittee.

Local and state law enforcement officers and agencies may assist the Board by taking and processing fingerprints of applicants and by releasing records of adult convictions to the Board. Local law enforcement agencies may charge a fee as reimbursement for expenses incurred in taking and processing fingerprints.

The bill also amends law requiring that a state certified or licensed appraiser must comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, adding reference to the 2014-2015 edition, or with such standards in later versions, as established in rules and regulations by the Board.