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#### May 23, 1990

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO COMPLY WITH TITLE XI OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
3	REFORM, RECOVERY, AND ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1989 BY GRANTING
4	CERTAIN REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO THE NORTH CAROLINA REAL
5	ESTATE COMMISSION REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL COMMITTEE, TO
6	REDESIGNATE IT A BOARD, AND TO ADD A NEW CLASSIFICATION OF
7	VOLUNTARY APPRAISER CERTIFICATION.
8	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
9	PART I.
10	Section 1. G.S. 93A-72 reads as rewritten:
11	"§ 93A-72. Definitions.
12	When used in this Article, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:
13	(1) 'Appraisal' or 'real estate appraisal' means an analysis, opinion or
14	conclusion as to the value of identified real estate or specified
15	interests therein.
16	(2) 'Appraisal assignment' means an engagement for which an appraiser
17	is employed or retained to act, or would be perceived by third parties
18	or the public as acting, as a disinterested third party in rendering an
19	unbiased appraisal.
20	(3) 'Appraisal Foundation' or 'Foundation' means the Appraisal
21	Foundation established on November 20, 1987, as a not-for-profit
22	corporation under the laws of Illinois.

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1 2	(4)	'Appraisal report' means any communication, written or oral, of an appraisal.
3	(5)	'Certificate' means that document issued by the North Carolina Real
4	$(\mathbf{U})$	Estate Commission evidencing that the person named therein has
5		satisfied the requirements for certification as a State-certified real
6		estate appraiser and bearing a certificate number assigned by the
8 7		Commission.
8	(6)	'Certificate holder' means a person certified by the Commission
8 9	(6)	under the provisions of this Article.
10	(7)	'Certified appraisal' means any appraisal performed by a State-
11		certified real estate appraiser and represented as being 'certified'.
12	(8)	'Certified appraisal report' means any communication, written or
13		oral, of an appraisal by a State-certified real estate appraiser which is
14		represented as being 'certified'.
15	(9)	'Commission' means the North Carolina Real Estate Commission.
16	(10)	'License' means that document issued by the North Carolina Real
17	()	Estate Commission evidencing that the person named therein has
18		satisfied the requirements for licensure as a State-licensed real estate
19		appraiser and bearing a license number assigned by the Commission.
20	(11)	'Licensee' means a person licensed by the Commission under the
21	(11)	provisions of this Article.
22	(12)	'Real estate' or 'real property' means land, including the air above
23	(12)	and ground below and all appurtenances and improvements thereto,
24		as well as any interest or right inherent in the ownership of land.
25	(13)	'Real Estate Appraisal Committee', 'Appraisal Committee' or
26	(15)	'Committee' means the body established by the Commission
27		pursuant to the provisions of this Article.
28	(14)	'Real estate appraiser' or 'appraiser' means a person who for a fee or
29	(14)	valuable consideration develops and communicates real estate
30		appraisals or otherwise gives an opinion of the value of real estate or
31		any interest therein.
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	(15)	'Real estate appraising' means the practice of developing and
33	(16)	communicating real estate appraisals.
34 35	(16)	'Residential real estate' means any parcel of real estate, improved or
		unimproved, that is exclusively residential in nature and that includes or is intended to include a residential structure containing
36		includes or is intended to include a residential structure containing
37		not more than four dwelling units and no other improvements except
38		those which are typical residential improvements that support the
39		residential use for the location and property type. A residential unit
40		in a condominium, townhouse, or cooperative complex or a planned
41	$(1 \leq \gamma)$	unit development is considered to be residential real estate.
42	<u>(16a)</u>	<u>'State-certified general real estate appraiser' means a person who</u>
43		holds a current, valid certificate as a State-certified general real
44		estate appraiser issued under the provisions of this Article.

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1 2	(17)	'State-certified <u>residential</u> real estate appraiser' means a person who holds a current, valid certificate as a State-certified residential real
3 4	(18)	estate appraiser issued under the provisions of this Article. 'State-licensed <u>residential</u> real estate appraiser' means a person who
5 6	()	holds a current, valid license as a State-licensed <u>residential</u> real estate appraiser issued under the provisions of this Article."
7	Sec. 2	2. G.S. 93A-73 reads as rewritten:
8	"§ 93A-73. Q	Qualifications for State licensure and certification; applications;
9		cation fees; examinations.
10		person desiring to obtain licensure as a State-licensed real estate
11	appraiser or cen	rtification as a State-certified real estate appraiser shall make written
12	application to the	he Commission on such forms as are prescribed by the Commission
13	setting forth the	applicant's qualifications for licensure or certification. Each applicant
14	shall satisfy the	following qualification requirements:
15	(1)	Each applicant for licensure as a State-licensed residential real estate
16		appraiser shall have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the
17		Commission that he possesses the knowledge and competence
18		necessary to perform appraisals of residential and other real estate as
19		the Commission may prescribe by having satisfactorily completed,
20		within the five-year period immediately preceding the date application
21		is made, through a school approved by the Commission, a course of
22		instruction in real estate appraisal principles and practices consisting of
23		at least 90 hours of classroom instruction in subjects determined by the
24		Commission, and shall satisfy such additional qualifications as may be
25 26		required to render North Carolina State-licensed <u>residential</u> real estate
20 27		appraisers eligible to perform appraisals in connection with federally- related transactions requiring the use of a State-licensed <u>residential</u> real
27		estate appraiser; or the applicant shall possess education or experience
28 29		which is found by the Commission to be equivalent to the above
30		requirements.
31	<u>(1b)</u>	Each applicant for certification as a State-certified residential real
32	<u>(10)</u>	estate appraiser shall have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the
33		Commission that he possesses the knowledge and competence
34		necessary to perform appraisals of residential and other real estate as
35		the Commission may prescribe by having satisfied all education
36		requirements for licensure as a State-licensed residential real estate
37		appraiser; shall present evidence satisfactory to the Commission of at
38		least two years of full-time experience in real estate appraising within
39		the five-year period immediately preceding the date application is
40		made; and shall satisfy such additional qualifications criteria as may be
41		promulgated by the Appraiser Qualifications Board of The Appraisal
42		Foundation for residential real estate appraisers.
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43 44	(2)	Each applicant for certification as a State-certified <u>general</u> real estate appraiser shall have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the

1	Commission that he possesses the knowledge and competence
2	necessary to perform appraisals of all types of real estate by having
3	satisfactorily completed, within the five-year period immediately
4	preceding the date application is made, through a school approved by
5	the Commission, a course of instruction in general real estate appraisal
6	practices consisting of at least 90 hours of classroom instruction in
7	subjects determined by the Commission, such course of instruction to
8	be in addition to the education required for licensure as a State-
9	licensed residential real estate appraiser, appraiser; and shall present
10	evidence satisfactory to the Commission of at least two years of full-
11	time experience in real estate appraising within the five-year period
12	immediately preceding the date application is made, made; and shall
13	satisfy such additional qualifications criteria as may be required to
14	render North Carolina State-certified real estate appraisers eligible to
15	perform appraisals in connection with federally related transactions requiring
16	the use of a State-certified real estate appraiser; promulgated by the
17	Appraiser Qualifications Board of The Appraisal Foundation for
18	general real estate appraisers; or the applicant shall possess education
19	or experience which is found by the Commission to be equivalent to
20	the above requirements.

(b) Each application for State licensure or certification as a real estate appraiser
shall be accompanied by a fee fixed by the Commission but not to exceed one hundred
fifty dollars (\$150.00).

24 Any person who files with the Commission an application for State licensure (c) 25 or certification as a real estate appraiser shall be required to take pass an oral or written 26 examination to demonstrate his competence. The Commission may also make such 27 investigation as it deems necessary into the ethical background of the applicant to determine his qualifications with due regard to the paramount interests of the public as 28 29 to his honesty, truthfulness and integrity. If the results of the examination and 30 investigation shall be satisfactory to the Commission, then the Commission shall issue 31 to such person the applicant a license or certificate authorizing such person the applicant 32 to act as a State-licensed real estate appraiser or a State-certified real estate appraiser in 33 this State."

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Sec. 3. G.S. 93A-78(b) reads as rewritten:

35 "(b) The Committee shall advise the Commission on the implementation and 36 operation of this Article and any other applicable provisions of this Chapter relating to 37 standards and operations of real estate appraiser education programs. The Committee 38 shall propose to the Commission for its adoption rules to implement, administer, and 39 enforce this Article and any other applicable provisions of this Chapter relating to 40 standards and operations of real estate appraiser education programs. In proposing rules 41 to the Commission regarding the qualification requirements and standards of practice 42 for State-licensed and State-certified real estate appraisers, the Committee shall consider 43 the Minimum Standards of Qualification-qualifications criteria issued by the Appraiser 44 Qualification Board of the Appraisal Foundation and the Uniform Standards of

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1	Professional Appraisal Practice promulgated by the Appraisal Standards Board of the
2	Appraisal Foundation."
3	Sec. 4. G.S. 93A-71.1 and Chapter 630 of the 1989 Session Laws are
4	repealed.
5	PART II.
6	Sec. 5. G.S. 93A-72(13) reads as rewritten:
7	"§ 93A-72. Definitions.
8	When used in this Article, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:
9	$(12)  (\mathbf{D} \ 1 \ \mathbf{D} \ \mathbf{i} \$
10	(13) 'Real Estate Appraisal Committee Board ', 'Appraisal Committee
11	Board ' or 'Committee Board ' means the body established by the
12	Commission pursuant to the provisions of this Article. <u>G.S. 93A-78.</u>
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14 15	Sec. 6. G.S. 93A-73, as amended by Part I of this act, reads as rewritten:
	"§ 93A-73. Qualifications for State licensure and certification; applications;
16	application fees; examinations.
17	(a) Any person desiring to obtain licensure as a State-licensed real estate
18	appraiser or certification as a State-certified real estate appraiser shall make written
19 20	application to the Commission on such forms as are prescribed by the Commission
20 21	setting forth the applicant's qualifications for licensure or certification. Each applicant
	shall satisfy the following qualification requirements:
22	(1) Each applicant for licensure as a State-licensed residential real estate
23 24	appraiser shall have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commission
24 25	<u>Real Estate Appraisal Board</u> that he possesses the knowledge and
23 26	competence necessary to perform appraisals of residential and other real estate as the Commission may prescribe by having satisfactorily
20 27	completed, within the five-year period immediately preceding the date
28	application is made, through a school approved by the Commission, a
28 29	course of instruction in real estate appraisal principles and practices
30	consisting of at least 90 hours of classroom instruction in subjects
31	determined by the Commission, Appraisal Board; and shall satisfy such
32	additional qualifications as may be required to render North Carolina
33	State-licensed residential real estate appraisers eligible to perform
34	appraisals in connection with federally-related transactions requiring
35	the use of a State-licensed residential real estate appraiser; or the
36	applicant-shall possess education or experience which is found by the
37	Commission—Appraisal Board to be equivalent to the above
38	requirements.
39	(1b) Each applicant for certification as a State-certified residential real
40	estate appraiser shall have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the
41	Commission—Real Estate Appraisal Board that he possesses the
42	knowledge and competence necessary to perform appraisals of
43	residential and other real estate as the Commission may prescribe by
44	having satisfied all education requirements for licensure as a State-
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licensed residential real estate appraiser; shall present evidence satisfactory to the <u>Commission Appraisal Board</u> of at least two years of full-time experience in real estate appraising within the five-year period immediately preceding the date application is made; and shall satisfy such additional qualifications criteria as may be promulgated by the Appraiser Qualifications Board of The Appraisal Foundation for residential real estate appraisers.

8 (2)Each applicant for certification as a State-certified general real estate 9 appraiser shall have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commission 10 Real Estate Appraisal Board that he possesses the knowledge and competence necessary to perform appraisals of all types of real estate 11 12 by having satisfactorily completed, within the five-year period 13 immediately preceding the date application is made, through a school 14 approved by the Commission, a course of instruction in general real 15 estate appraisal practices consisting of at least 90 hours of classroom 16 instruction in subjects determined by the Commission, Appraisal Board, 17 such course of instruction to be in addition to the education required 18 for licensure as a State-licensed residential real estate appraiser; shall 19 present evidence satisfactory to the Commission Appraisal Board of at 20 least two years of full-time experience in real estate appraising within 21 the five-year period immediately preceding the date application is 22 made; and shall satisfy such additional qualifications criteria as may be 23 promulgated by the Appraiser Qualifications Board of The Appraisal 24 Foundation for general real estate appraisers; or the applicant shall 25 possess education or experience which is found by the Commission 26 Appraisal Board to be equivalent to the above requirements.

(b) Each application for State licensure or certification as a real estate appraiser
shall be accompanied by a fee fixed by the Commission but not to exceed one hundred
fifty dollars (\$150.00).

30 Any person who files with the Commission an application for State licensure (c)31 or certification as a real estate appraiser shall be required to pass an examination to 32 demonstrate his competence. The Commission may shall also make such investigation 33 as it deems deemed necessary by the Real Estate Appraisal Board into the ethical background of the applicant to determine his qualifications with due regard to the 34 35 paramount interests of the public as to his honesty, truthfulness and integrity. If the 36 results of the examination and investigation shall be satisfactory to the Commission, Board and the applicant is otherwise qualified, then the Commission shall issue to the 37 38 applicant a license or certificate authorizing the applicant to act as a State-licensed real 39 estate appraiser or a State-certified real estate appraiser in this State. If, based upon the 40 results of the investigation, the moral character of the applicant is in question, action on 41 the application will be deferred pending a hearing before the Appraisal Board."

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Sec. 7. G.S. 93A-74(b) reads as rewritten:

43 "(b) The Commission may by rule require, as a prerequisite to license or 44 certificate renewal, the completion of <u>Commission-approved</u> education courses <del>approved</del>

by the Commission in subject matters determined by the Appraisal Board, or courses 1 2 determined by the Commission to be equivalent to such instruction, provided that the 3 continuing education requirements do not exceed 24 hours of classroom instruction during any two-year period, except as may be required to maintain State-certified and 4 5 State-licensed real estate appraisers' eligibility to perform real estate appraisals in 6 connection with federally-related transactions requiring their use." 7 Sec. 8. G.S. 93A-78, as amended by Part I of this act, reads as rewritten: 8 "§ 93A-78. Real Estate Appraisal Committee. Board. 9 The Commission shall appoint There is created a Real Estate Appraisal (a) 10 Committee Board for the purpose of rendering advice and assistance to the Commission. Commission and for the other purposes set forth in this Article. To the extent possible, 11 12 the membership of the Committee-Board shall be representative of the members of the 13 real estate appraisal business. The Committee-Board shall consist of five members, seven 14 members. The Governor shall appoint five members of the Board. The General 15 Assembly shall appoint two members in accordance with G.S. 120-121, one upon 16 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and one upon 17 recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. three of whom The 18 appointee recommended by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and at least four of the appointees of the Governor shall be persons who have been engaged in the 19 20 business of real estate appraising in this State for not less than at least five years 21 immediately preceding their appointment, and, if appointed to the Committee after January 1, 22 1991, shall also be appointment and are also State-licensed or State-certified real estate 23 appraisers. The appointee recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate 24 and at least one of the appointees of the Governor shall be persons who are not involved directly or indirectly in the real estate, real estate appraisal, or real estate lending 25 industry. Members of the Committee Board shall serve three-year terms, so staggered that 26 27 the term of one member expires in one year, the terms of two members expire in the next year, 28 and the terms of two members expire in the third year of each three-year period. The 29 members of the Committee-Board shall elect one of their members to serve as chairman 30 of the Committee for a term of one year. The Commission-Governor may remove any 31 member of the Committee-Board appointed by him for misconduct, incompetency, or 32 neglect of duty. The Commission shall have the power to fill all Successors shall be 33 appointed by the appointing authority making the original appointment. All vacancies 34 occurring on the Committee. Board shall be filled, for the unexpired term, by the appointing authority making the original appointment. Vacancies in appointments made 35 by the General Assembly shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122. 36

The Committee Board shall advise the Commission on the implementation and 37 (b)operation of this Article and any other applicable provisions of this Chapter relating to 38 39 standards and operations of real estate appraiser education programs. The Committee 40 Board shall propose to the Commission for its adoption rules to implement, administer, and enforce this Article and any other applicable provisions of this Chapter relating to 41 42 standards and operations of real estate appraiser education programs. In proposing rules 43 to the Commission regarding the qualification requirements and standards of practice for State-licensed and State-certified real estate appraisers, the Committee-Board shall 44

consider the qualifications criteria issued by the Appraiser Qualification Board of the 1 2 Appraisal Foundation and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice 3 promulgated by the Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation. The Board is an occupational licensing agency governed by Chapter 150B; its 4 (b1) 5 decisions are final agency decisions subject to judicial review under Article 4 of 6 Chapter 150B. 7 Members of the Committee-Board shall be paid the per diem allowances at the (c) 8 rates set forth in G.S. 93B-5; provided that none of the expenses of the Committee-Board 9 shall be payable out of the Treasury of the State of North Carolina." 10 Sec. 9. G.S. 93A-79(d) reads as rewritten: 11 "(d) All fees collected by the Commission under this Article shall be deposited 12 into the operating account of the Commission. None of the expenses incurred by the Commission in administering this Article, including the compensation of expenses of 13 14 the Real Estate Appraisal Committee-Board or any officer or employee of the 15 Commission, may be paid or payable out of the Treasury of the State of North Carolina, 16 and the Real Estate Appraisal Committee Board may not make or incur any expense, 17 debt or other financial obligation binding upon the Commission or the State of North 18 Carolina." 19 Sec. 10. G.S. 93A-80 reads as rewritten: 20 "§ 93A-80. Disciplinary action by Commission. 21 (a) The Commission may shall take disciplinary action against State-licensed or State-certified real estate appraisers, only as directed by the Real Estate 22 Appraisal Board. Upon its own motion, the motion of the Appraisal Board, or on-the 23 24 verified complaint of any person, the Commission may investigate the actions of any person licensed or certified under this Article or any other person who shall assume to 25 act in such capacity. If the Commission-Appraisal Board finds probable cause that a 26 27 person licensed or certified under this Article has violated any of the provisions of this 28 Chapter, the Commission-Appraisal Board may hold a hearing on the allegations of 29 misconduct. 30 The Commission Appraisal Board shall have the power to direct the Commission to suspend or revoke at any time the licensure license or certification privileges granted to 31 any person under the provisions of this Article or to reprimand or censure any licensee 32 33 or certificate holder if, following a hearing, the Commission Appraisal Board finds the licensee or certificate holder to have: 34 35 (1)Procured licensure or certification pursuant to this Article by making a 36 false or fraudulent representation; Made any willful or negligent misrepresentation or any willful or 37 (2)38 negligent omission of material fact; 39 Accepted an appraisal assignment when the employment is contingent (3) upon the appraiser reporting a predetermined result, analysis, or 40 41 opinion, or when the fee to be paid for the performance of the 42 appraisal assignment is contingent upon the opinion, conclusion, or valuation reached or upon consequences resulting from the appraisal 43

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1	(4)	Acted or held oneself out as a State-licensed or State-certified real
2		estate appraiser when not so licensed or certified;
3	(5)	Failed as a State-licensed or State-certified real estate appraiser to
4		actively and personally supervise any person not licensed or certified
5		under this Article who assists the State-licensed or State-certified real
6		estate appraiser in performing real estate appraisals;
7	(6)	Failed to retain for three years and to make available to the
8		Commission for its inspection without prior notice, originals or true
9		copies of all written contracts engaging his services to appraise real
10		property, and all reports and supporting data assembled and formulated
11		by the appraiser in preparing the reports;
12	(7)	Paid a fee or valuable consideration to any person for acts or services
13		performed in violation of this Article;
14	(8)	Acted as a real estate appraiser in such an unworthy or incompetent
15		manner as to endanger the interest of the public;
16	(9)	Violated any of the standards for the development or communication
17		of real estate appraisals or any other rule promulgated by the
18	(10)	Commission;
19 20	(10)	Performed any other act which constitutes improper, fraudulent, or
20	(11)	dishonest conduct; or Violated any of the maniping of this Chanter
21 22	(11)	Violated any of the provisions of this Chapter.
22 23		wing a hearing, the <u>Commission-Appraisal Board</u> shall also have power <u>mmission to</u> suspend or revoke any license or certificate issued under the
23 24		nis Article or to reprimand or censure any licensee or certificate holder
25	when:	is Article of to reprint and of censure any needsee of centificate holder
26	(1)	The licensee or certificate holder has been convicted of, or has entered
27	(1)	a plea of guilty or no contest upon which final judgment is entered by
28		a court of competent jurisdiction in this State, or any other state, to an
29		offense involving moral turpitude which would reasonably affect the
30		performance of the licensee or certificate holder in the real estate
31		appraisal business; or
32	(2)	A final civil judgment has been entered against the licensee or
33		certificate holder on grounds of fraud, misrepresentation or deceit in
34		the making of any appraisal of real estate.
35	(c) When	n a person licensed or certified under this Article is accused of any act,
36	omission, or mi	isconduct which would subject him to disciplinary action, the licensee or
37	certificate hold	er, with the consent and approval of the Commission, Appraisal Board,
38	may surrender	his license or certificate and all the rights and privileges pertaining to it
39	for a period of	time established by the Commission. Appraisal Board. A person who
40		license or certificate shall not thereafter be eligible for or submit any
41		licensure or certification as a real estate appraiser during the period that
42		ertificate is surrendered."
43	Sec.	11. G.S. 93A-81(b) reads as rewritten:

1	"(b) The Commission may may, on its own motion or at the request of the Real
2	Estate Appraisal Board, appear in its own name in superior court in actions for
3	injunctive relief to prevent any person from violating the provisions of this Article or
4	rules promulgated by the Commission. The superior court shall have the power to grant
5	these injunctions whether or not criminal prosecution has been or may be instituted as a
6	result of the violations, and whether or not the person is the holder of a license or
7	certificate issued by the Commission under this Article."
8	Sec. 12. Article 6 of Chapter 146 of the General Statutes is amended by
9	adding a new section to read:
10	" <u>§ 146-22.2. Appraisal of property to be acquired by State.</u>
11	Where an appraisal of real estate or an interest in real estate is required by law to be
12	made before acquisition of the property by the State or an agency of the State, the
13	appraisal shall be made by a real estate appraiser licensed or certified by the State under
14	Article 5 of Chapter 93A of the General Statutes."
15	Sec. 13. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 93A-78, the terms of all
16	members of the Real Estate Appraisal Committee shall continue to and shall expire on
17	July 1, 1991. Effective for terms to begin July 1, 1991, the new members of the newly
18	designated Real Estate Appraisal Board shall be appointed as provided in G.S. 93A-78,
19	as amended by this act. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 93A-78, the terms
20	beginning July 1, 1991, shall be staggered as follows: the appointee recommended by
21	the President Pro Tempore shall serve for two years; and three of the appointees of the
22	Governor shall serve for three years; and the appointee recommended by the Speaker of
23	the House of Representatives and the remaining appointees of the Governor shall serve
24	for four years. When the term of a member beginning July 1, 1991, expires, the next
25	term of that member shall be a three-year term as provided in G.S. 93A-78, as amended
26	by this act.
27	Sec. 14. G.S. 120-123 is amended by adding at the end a new subdivision to
28	read:
29	"(58) The Real Estate Appraisal Board of the Real Estate Commission created in
30	<u>G.S. 93A-78.</u> "
31	Sec. 15. Part I and Sections 13 and 15 of this act are effective upon
32	ratification. The remainder of this act shall become effective July 1, 1991.