1	PROPERTY TAX APPEAL PROVISIONS
2	2003 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble
5	This act amends the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act and the
6	Revenue and Taxation Code. This act exempts real estate brokers, real estate sales
7	agents, and other persons from real estate appraiser licensing and certification
8	requirements when giving an opinion regarding the value of real estate in certain
9	circumstances. The act makes technical changes.
10	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
11	AMENDS:
12	59-2-701 , as last amended by Chapter 214, Laws of Utah 2001
13	61-2b-3, as last amended by Chapter 117, Laws of Utah 1999
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
15	Section 1. Section 59-2-701 is amended to read:
16	59-2-701. Appraisal by certified or licensed appraisers only Exception
17	Certification of elected county assessors.
18	(1) (a) Any person performing an appraisal for purposes of establishing fair market
19	value of real estate or real property for the assessment roll shall be the holder of an appraiser's
20	certificate or license issued by the Division of Real Estate under Title 61, Chapter 2b, Real
21	Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, except uncertified or unlicensed appraiser
22	trainees may, for up to 36 months after the date of hire or appointment as an appraiser trainee,
23	appraise property under the direction of a holder of an appraiser's certificate or license issued
24	by the division.
25	(b) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply to:
26	(i) any person who states an opinion of value if no consideration is paid or agreed to be
27	paid for the opinion and no other party is reasonably expected to rely on the person's appraisal



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expertise; or		
(ii) any person descri	ribed in Subsection (2) representing	g or assisting a taxpayer in a real
property tax appeal, provide	<u>d:</u>	
(A) the person follows the Uniform Standards of Professional Practice adopted by the		
Utah Appraiser Licensing ar	nd Certification Board; and	
(B) the person regist	ters with the county board of equali	ization prior to or at the time of
the appeal, by completing and filing with the county board of equalization a registration form		qualization a registration form
as described in Subsection (<u>3).</u>	
(2) Subsection (1)(b)(ii) applies to any of the following persons:		
(a) a principal real estate broker or associate real estate broker, as defined in Section		
61-2-2, who provides an opi	nion of value for a parcel of real pr	coperty; or
(b) any person, inclu	nding a real estate sales agent, as de	efined in Section 61-2-2, who
provides an opinion of value	e for a parcel of real property whose	e fair market value is less than
the "transaction value" set forth in Real Estate Lending and Appraisals, 12 C.F.R. Sec.		
34.43(a)(l), as that "transaction value" may be adjusted from time to time.		
(3) The registration form referred to in Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(B) shall be substantially		
similar to the following:		
	REGISTRATION TO OFFER OPI	INION OF
VALUE	E IN REAL ESTATE PROPERTY	TAX APPEAL(S)
(to be submitted to the	County Board of Equalization befo	ore offering a value opinion in an
appeal)		
Name:		
(please print)		
Address:	City:	State:
Office Phone:	Home Phone:	e-Mail:
Date of Birth	Social Security #	
My registration is for (choos	se one):	

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Any prop	perty tax appeals for the tax year 20	<u>) .</u>
	<u>HC</u>	<u>ONESTY</u>
YOU MUST	ANSWER BOTH QUESTIONS	
1. Yes No	Have you in the last five years be	een convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest
to, any		
	offense of fraud, misrepresentati	on, theft, or deceit? If yes, describe.
2. Yes No	Have you in the last five years ha	ad a civil judgment entered against you for
<u>fraud</u> ,		
	misrepresentation, theft, or dece	t? If yes, describe.
	COM	<u>IPETENCE</u>
YOU MUST	CHECK AT LEAST ONE. Pleas	e fill out the applicable section completely.
<u>I am a</u>	licensed principal or associate rea	al estate broker in the state of Utah. My license
number is:	. It expires:	. I certify that my
opinion(s) of	value will be in compliance with t	he Uniform Standards of Appraisal
Practice as cu	rrently adopted by the Utah Appra	iser Licensing and Certification Board.
<u>I am n</u>	ot currently licensed in Utah as ei	ther an appraiser or real estate broker. I
acknowledge	that I may not offer an opinion of	value in a tax appeal for any parcel of
real property	whose fair market value exceeds \$	[the "transaction value" set
forth in Real	Estate Licensing and Appraisals, 1	2 C.F.R. Sec. 34.43(a)(1), as that
"transaction v	value" may be adjusted from time t	o time]. I certify that my opinion(s) of
value will be	in compliance with the Uniform S	tandards of Appraisal Practice as
currently adop	pted by the Utah Appraiser Licens	ing and Certification Board. (If you
have a real es	tate sales agent license, list the #	and expiration date
	.)	
Date:		
Signature:		
SUBSCRIBE	D AND SWORN to before me thi	s day of .
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90	$\left[\frac{(2)}{(4)}\right]$ The limitations on appraisal authority under Subsections 61-2b-10(1) and (2)
91	and Section 61-2b-13 do not apply to a person performing an appraisal for purposes of
92	establishing fair market value for the assessment roll.
93	[(3)] (5) The commission may prescribe additional requirements for any person
94	performing an appraisal for purposes of establishing fair market value for the assessment roll.
95	[(4)] (6) The commission may, by rule, establish qualifications for personal property
96	appraisers exempt from licensure under Title 61, Chapter 2b, Real Estate Appraiser Licensing
97	and Certification Act.
98	[(5)] (7) It is the duty of a county assessor, as established in Section 17-17-1, to ensure
99	that the assessor's office is in compliance with this section and any additional rules or
100	requirements for property appraisers established by the commission.
101	Section 2. Section 61-2b-3 is amended to read:
102	61-2b-3. License or certification required.
103	(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), it is unlawful for anyone to prepare, for
104	valuable consideration, an appraisal, an appraisal report, a certified appraisal report, or perform
105	a consultation service relating to real estate or real property in this state without first being
106	registered, licensed, or certified in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
107	(2) This section does not apply to:
108	(a) a <u>principal</u> real estate broker, <u>associate real estate broker</u> , or <u>real estate</u> sales agent,
109	as defined by Section 61-2-2 [licensed by this state], who, in the ordinary course of [his]
110	business, gives an opinion[: (i)] regarding the value of real estate[;]:
111	[(ii)] (i) to a potential seller or third party recommending a listing price of real estate;
112	[or]
113	[(iii)] (ii) to a potential buyer or third party recommending a purchase price of real
114	estate;
115	(iii) as allowed under Subsections 59-2-701(1)(b) and (2); or
116	(iv) in connection with any tax matter or proceeding;
117	(b) an employee of a company who states an opinion of value or prepares a report
118	containing value conclusions relating to real estate or real property solely for the company's
119	use;
120	(c) any official or employee of a government agency while acting solely within the

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scope of his duties, unless otherwise required by Utah law;

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- (d) an auditor or accountant who states an opinion of value or prepares a report containing value conclusions relating to real estate or real property while performing an audit;
- (e) an individual, except an individual who is required to be registered, licensed, or certified under this chapter, who states an opinion about the value of property in which he has an ownership interest;
- (f) an individual who states an opinion of value if no consideration is paid or agreed to be paid for the opinion and no other party is reasonably expected to rely on the individual's appraisal expertise;
- (g) an individual, such as a researcher or a secretary, who does not render significant professional assistance, as defined by the board, in arriving at a real estate appraisal analysis, opinion, or conclusion; or
- (h) an attorney authorized to practice law in this state who, in the course of his practice, utilizes an appraisal report governed by this chapter or who states an opinion of the value of real estate.
- (3) No opinion of value or report containing value conclusions exempt under Subsection (2) may be referred to as an appraisal.

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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No fiscal impact.			
Individual and Business I	mpact		
No fiscal impact.			

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