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To: Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Office of State Budget and Management

Re: Interim Report on efforts to exercise regulatory flexibility under SL2020-97, Sec. 3.20

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Session Law 2020-97, Sec. 3.20 provides that:

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of State law, if a State agency determines that, due to the impacts of the coronavirus, it is in the public interest, including the public health, safety, and welfare and the economic well-being of the citizens and businesses of the State, the agency shall:

- (1) Delay the collection, or modify the method of collection, of any fees, fines, or late payments assessed by the agency under its statutes, including the accrual of interest associated with any fees, fines, or late payments.
- (2) Delay the renewal dates of permits, licenses, and other similar certifications, registrations, and authorizations issued by the agency pursuant to its statutes.
- (3) Delay or modify any educational or examination requirements implemented by the agency pursuant to its statutes.

Pursuant to these provisions of law, the Commission took the following actions:

1. Permitted synchronous distance delivery of Prelicensing, Postlicensing, Continuing Education Update and Elective courses. Prior to the coronavirus outbreak, these courses were only permitted to be delivered in person.
2. Suspended the requirement for end-of-course exams in Prelicensing and Postlicensing courses.
3. Extended the continuing education deadline for all licensees from June 10 to September 30.
4. Extended Postlicensing education deadlines for all brokers licensed on provisional status. All deadlines on or after March 19 were pushed to September 30.
5. Extended the 180-day examination eligibility period for license applicants in 90 day increments. In some cases, 2 and 3 extensions have been granted.
6. Extended the 120-day period during which a broker who applies for BIC Eligible status must take the 12-hour BIC course. Extension periods vary based on course availability.
7. Extended the application period for education providers, so that synchronous delivery of courses could continue without interruption.
8. Refunded fees for certain Commission educational events that had been scheduled for live delivery. Offered many of those events in an online format instead.