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## **BRIEFLY LEGAL AND COMMISSION NOTE**

### **Residential Change of Address Notification Requirement and Saving Commission Dollars**

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#### **TODAY'S QUESTION**

Are you required to notify the Alabama Real Estate Commission when you change your residential address?

#### **ANSWER**

Yes, just as a company must notify the Commission of a change in address, as discussed last month, an individual must notify the Commission as well. Section 34-27-35(h) *Code of Alabama* sets forth that “each licensee shall notify the commission in writing of any change in his or her business or **residence** address within 30 days of the change.” Please note that there is an exception to this law when the time to report your change of address drops from 30 days to 10 days. Section 34-27-32(b)(2) *Code of Alabama* applies to the specific circumstance of an individual who holds an Alabama license but lives in another state. If that individual moves to and becomes a resident of Alabama they “shall within 10 days submit to the commission notice of change of address...”. You can change your residential address online or simply by emailing or mailing us the new information. There is no fee for this change.

As stated last month, it is important to remember that Section 34-27-36(a)(19) *Code of Alabama*, allows for the Commission to take disciplinary action for “violating or disregarding any provision of this chapter or any rule, regulation, or order of the commission.” Please take the time to keep your residential address updated with us!

As always, if you have any questions about this or any other topic, feel free to contact Mandy or Starla in the legal division at 334-242-5544.

#### **COMMISSION NOTE—Saving Commission Dollars**

Our goal has always been to resourcefully spend Commission funds; therefore, we are making changes to the delivery method for *The Update* quarterly newsletter. The “Special License Renewal Issue 2020” of *The Update*, which will be mailed in July, is the last copy that we plan to mail.

At present, the cost to process and distribute hard copies of *The Update* newsletter to our 35,000 real estate licensees and companies is approximately \$75,000 annually. Mobile devices and phones can allow for online distribution and reading of our newsletter while on the go.

All issues of *The Update* are available on the Commission’s website, [arec.alabama.gov](http://arec.alabama.gov). We will continue to send emails and post to our social media platforms informing licensees when the new issues are available online. The Commission will also honor requests from those who wish to continue receiving a hard copy. Thank you for your assistance and understanding as we make this change.

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