1 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1526 By: Floyd of the Senate 2 and 3 Osburn of the House 4 5 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Subdivided Land Sales 6 Code; amending 71 O.S. 2021, Sections 602, 625, 626, 627, 628, 631, 633, 642, 652, 655, 660, 662, 663, and 7 664, which relate to definitions, registration of subdivided lands, licensing, liens, fees, violations, 8 rules, filing of documents, and service of process; 9 modifying definitions; modifying entity to receive certain filings; decreasing number of required copies of certain statement; requiring inclusion of 10 electronic mail and website addresses in certain statements; modifying persons to file application for 11 certain registration; modifying official authorized to enter certain denial order; removing certain 12 licensing requirements; removing certain record keeping requirements; prohibiting offer or 13 disposition of lots by certain persons; deleting certain licensing fees; modifying certain record 14 keeping requirements for the Administrator of the Department of Securities; conforming language; 15 updating statutory language; making language gender neutral; repealing 71 O.S. 2021, Sections 632 and 16 634, which relate to application for license and denial, revocation, or suspension of license; and 17 providing an effective date. 18 19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 71 O.S. 2021, Section 602, is 21 amended to read as follows: 22 Section 602. In this Code, unless the context otherwise 23 24 requires;

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1. "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Department of
 2 Securities;

any circular, prospectus, public offering statement, 4 a. 5 information, advertisement or other material or communication by radio, television, pictures, 6 7 newspapers, magazines or similar media material 8 published or designed for use in social media or a 9 newspaper, magazine, or other periodical, or for radio, television, telephone solicitations or tape 10 11 recordings, videotaped displays, signs, billboards, 12 motion pictures, telephone directories other than 13 routine listings, websites, other public media, and any other written or electronic communication 14 distributed or made generally available to customers 15 or the public and used in connection with a 16 disposition, an offer to dispose of, or any inducement 17 to any person to purchase or acquire an interest in 18 the title to any subdivided lands $_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}$ including any 19 leasehold interest or land contract, 20 b. any material used to induce prospective purchasers to 21 visit any subdivided lands or submit to a presentation 22 by a subdivider or any of his the subdivider's 23

24 representatives or agents including but not limited to

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"Advertising" means:

1websites, prospectuses, pamphlets, circulars, form2letters, market letters, telemarketing scripts,3seminar texts, research reports, surveys, performance4reports or summaries, and reprints or excerpts of any5other advertisement, sales literature, or published6material, and

7 c. the entire promotional plan for the disposition of 8 subdivided lands, including promotional displays at 9 public or private events, parties, dinners, or other 10 meetings;

Advertising shall not mean stockholder communications including, but 11 12 not limited to, annual reports and interim financial reports, proxy materials, registration statements, securities prospectuses, and 13 application for listing securities on stock exchanges; 14 communications addressed to and relating to the account of any 15 persons who have previously executed a contract for the acquisition 16 of any of the subdivider's lands except where directed to the 17 disposition of additional lands; press releases or other 18 communications delivered to newspapers or other periodicals for 19 general information or public relations purposes, provided no charge 20 is made by and nothing of value is given to such newspapers, their 21 employees or other periodicals for the publication or use of any 22 part of such communication; 23

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3. "Agent" means any person who, directly or indirectly,
 disposes of, or offers to dispose of, or advertises for disposition
 any lot in a subdivision and includes a real estate salesman, broker
 or subdivider so engaged;

5 4. "Blanket encumbrance" means any trust deed, mortgage, judgment, lien or other financial encumbrance securing or evidencing 6 debt and affecting lands to be subdivided or affecting more than one 7 lot of subdivided land, and any agreement by which the subdivider 8 9 holds more than one lot under an option, contract or deed, contract to purchase or trust agreement. Blanket encumbrance shall not mean 10 a lien or other encumbrance arising as a result of the imposition of 11 a tax assessed by a public authority so long as no portion thereof 12 is past due; 13

14 5. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Securities Commission;

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6. "Department" means the Department of Securities;

16 <u>7.</u> "Disposition" or "dispose of" means every sale, lease, 17 assignment, award by lottery, option, or exchange of a lot and every 18 contract for, or contract to do, any of the foregoing for value, or 19 when given as an incident of any of the foregoing;

20 7. "License" means a subdivided land sales license as set forth
21 in Article III of this Code;

8. "Lot" means any portion, parcel, piece, division, unit or undivided interest in land if such interest includes the right to the exclusive use of a specified portion of the land;

9. "Notice" means a communication from the Administrator.
 Notice to a subdivider shall be deemed complete when personally
 served upon him the subdivider or mailed to him the subdivider at
 the last-known address on file with the Administrator;

5 10. "Offer" means any inducement, solicitation or attempt to
6 encourage a person to acquire an interest in a lot in a subdivision;

7 11. "Option" means, and is limited to, an offer to sell or 8 purchase respecting which a consideration of not more than fifteen 9 percent (15%) of the total purchase price is exchanged to guarantee 10 that the offer will not be withdrawn or revoked for an agreed period 11 of time;

12 12. "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, 13 association, joint stock company, or trust where the interests of 14 the beneficiaries are evidenced by a security, an unincorporated 15 organization, government, political subdivision of a government or 16 any other entity;

17 13. "Purchaser" means a person who acquires, attempts to 18 acquire, is solicited to acquire, or succeeds to any interest in a 19 lot in a subdivision, excluding a security interest;

14. "Subdivision" and "subdivided land" means any land, wherever located, whether improved or unimproved, contiguous or not, which is divided into lots or proposed to be divided for the purpose of disposition pursuant to a common promotional scheme or plan of advertising and disposition. If the land is designated or

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advertised as a common unit or by a common name, the land shall be presumed, without regard to the number of lots covered by each individual offering, to be offered for disposition as part of a common promotional plan. Where the context so requires, it shall also include any lot in a subdivision and any interest therein; and 15. "Subdivider" means a person whose interest in subdivided lands is advertised, offered, or disposed of by himself the

8 subdivider or another person.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 71 O.S. 2021, Section 625, is 10 amended to read as follows:

Section 625. Application for registration of subdivided land 11 12 shall be filed with the Administrator in such form as the 13 Administrator may require. The application shall contain the following information and shall be accompanied by the following 14 documents and exhibits, in addition to the information which may be 15 required by the Administrator pursuant to subsection E of Section 16 17 627 of this title, the consent to service of process required by subsection A of Section 664 of this title, and the fees required by 18 Section 652 of this title. To the extent that the information 19 required below is included in filings submitted to and approved by 20 the Federal Office of Interstate Land Sales Registration Consumer 21 Financial Protection Bureau, or its successors, such filing will be 22 accepted in lieu of a separate state filing: 23

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The subdivider's name and address, form of business
 organization, date and jurisdiction of its organization and name and
 address of each of its offices and agents in this state;

2. The name, address, and principal occupation for the past 4 5 five (5) years of every director, officer or partner of the subdivider or other person occupying a similar position or 6 performing similar functions, as well as for each owner of ten 7 percent (10%) or more of the equity of the subdivider; the extent 8 9 and nature of the interest of each of the foregoing persons in the subdivider and in the subdivided lands as of a date specified by the 10 Administrator within thirty (30) days of filing of the application 11 12 for registration;

3. If any person named in paragraph 2 of this section has been 13 disciplined, debarred, censured, or suspended by any governmental 14 body or agency or convicted by any court for violation of a federal, 15 state, or local law or regulation in connection with activities 16 relating to land sales, land investment, securities sales or 17 registration, construction or sale of homes or home improvements, or 18 any other similar or related activity, a summary of the facts 19 relating thereto; 20

4. If any person named in paragraph 2 of this section has,
during the past thirteen (13) years, filed a petition in bankruptcy
or has had an involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed against him
the person, or has been an officer, director, or controlling person

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1 of a business entity which has become insolvent or has voluntarily 2 or involuntarily filed in bankruptcy, a summary of the facts 3 relating thereto;

5. The states or jurisdictions in which an application for 4 5 registration or similar document have been filed, including a copy of any filing with the United States Securities and Exchange 6 Commission or Federal Office of Interstate Land Sales Registration 7 the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau or the successors of 8 9 either, and a copy of any adverse order, judgment, order permitting withdrawal, or decree of any court or regulatory authority in 10 connection with the offering of subdivided lands; 11

6. A legal description of the subdivided lands and the recorded
plat thereof, together with a map showing the division proposed to
be made, the dimensions of the lots, and the relation of the
subdivided lands to existing streets, roads, and other off-site
improvements, all verified by affidavit of an independent
professional land surveyor and a topographical map;

18 7. A statement in a form acceptable to the Administrator of the 19 condition of title to the land comprising the lots in this offering 20 and any common areas or facilities related to or included in this 21 offering, including a description of all encumbrances, easements, 22 covenants, conditions, reservations, limitations, or restrictions 23 applicable thereto. This requirement may be met by submission of 24 evidence of title in the form of a legal opinion, stating the

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1 condition of title, prepared and signed by an attorney at law who is
2 experienced in the examination of titles, a member of the Bar
3 Association of the state in which the property is located and who is
4 not a salaried employee, partner, officer, or director either of the
5 subdivider or of any of its agents or affiliates; or by any other
6 evidence of title acceptable to the Administrator;

8. Copies of the instruments by which the subdivider's interest
in the subdivided land was acquired or, if required by the
Administrator, proof of marketable title to the subdivided lands;

9. A statement and such additional assurance as the
 Administrator may require that the subdivider can convey or cause to
 be conveyed to the purchaser, upon compliance with the terms of the
 offer, the interest offered in the subdivided lands;

10. Copies of instruments which will be delivered to the 14 purchaser to evidence his interest in the subdivided lands and 15 copies of the contracts or other agreements which a purchaser will 16 17 be required to agree to or sign in connection with the offer or disposition, together with the range of selling prices, rates or 18 rentals at which it is proposed to dispose of the lots, and a list 19 of fees the purchaser may be required to pay for membership in 20 groups including, but not limited to, homeowners' associations, 21 country clubs, golf courses, and other community organizations 22 associated with the subdivision, together with the description of 23

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1 any qualifications for or restrictions on membership in any of the 2 foregoing;

11. A legal description of any lien or encumbrance affecting the subdivision or any portion thereof and a statement in a form acceptable to the Administrator of the efforts made or to be made to remove such lien or encumbrance and the consequences to the purchasers of the success or failure of the efforts to remove such lien or encumbrance;

9 12. A summary of any easements or restrictions affecting any of
10 the subdivided lands and copies of any instruments creating,
11 altering, or removing such easements or restrictions;

12 13. Evidence and a statement thereof, in a form satisfactory to the Administrator, indicating compliance with the zoning and other 13 governmental laws, ordinances, and regulations affecting the use of 14 the subdivided lands and adjacent properties, together with dates of 15 the most recent zoning or jurisdictional changes, the nature 16 thereof, any proposed changes now pending or known to be 17 contemplated, and any existing or proposed taxes, special taxes, 18 assessments, or levies of a similar nature affecting any of the 19 subdivided land; 20

21 14. Evidence and a statement thereof, in a form satisfactory to 22 the Administrator, indicating compliance with the requirements of 23 federal, state and local governments or agencies or 24 instrumentalities thereof which have authority to regulate or issue

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1 permits or licenses which may have a material effect on the 2 subdivider's plans with respect to the proposed subdivision, its facilities, common areas or improvements, specifically including 3 environmental protection agencies and required environmental impact 4 5 statements. If any permit, license, or approval of any of the foregoing has been refused or conditioned, a summary of the reasons 6 therefor and the effect on the proposed subdivision shall also be 7 included; 8

9 15. A description of the land as it existed prior to any
10 changes in connection with the proposed subdivision and any changes
11 which have occurred or are contemplated in connection with the
12 proposed subdivision;

16. A statement, in a form suitable to the Administrator, of 13 the existing provisions for access to the subdivision, the 14 availability of sewage disposal facilities and other public 15 utilities including, but not limited to, water, electricity, gas and 16 17 telephone facilities, the proximity in miles of the subdivision to nearby municipalities, the availability and scope of community fire 18 and police protection, the location of primary and secondary 19 schools, the improvements installed or to be installed, including 20 off-site and on-site community and recreational facilities, the 21 persons who are to install, maintain and pay for such improvements, 22 and the estimated schedule for completion; 23

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17. If required by the Administrator's rule or order, a
 performance or completion bond to assure that planned improvements
 will be completed, in a form suitable to the Administrator;

4 18. Such financial statements of the subdivider as the5 Administrator may require;

A narrative description of the promotional plan for the 6 19. disposition of the subdivided lands, together with duplicate copies 7 of all advertising material which has been prepared for public 8 9 distribution. The subject matter of advertising material which is pictorial in nature shall be limited to a depiction of the actual 10 on-site conditions of the subdivided lands as of the date of the 11 filing of the material. No advertising shall be used until a copy 12 13 thereof has been allowed for use by the Administrator or a person authorized by the Administrator as provided in Section 653 of this 14 title; 15

16 20. Three copies <u>One copy</u> of the proposed public offering 17 statement prepared in accordance with Section 626 of this title; and

18 21. Such additional information or exhibits as the19 Administrator may require.

20 Any of the items required under this section may be incorporated 21 in the application for registration by reference provided that such 22 item is contained in the public offering statement and the 23 Administrator so allows.

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1SECTION 3.AMENDATORY71 O.S. 2021, Section 626, is2amended to read as follows:

Section 626. A. It shall be unlawful for a person to dispose 3 of an interest in subdivided lands, pursuant to a registration under 4 5 this Code, unless a current public offering statement is delivered to the purchaser at the expense of the subdivider or his the 6 subdivider's agent at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to any 7 sale, contract to sell or option to purchase and unless the 8 9 purchaser is afforded a reasonable opportunity to examine and is permitted to retain the public offering statement. The subdivider 10 shall obtain and retain a receipt, signed by the purchaser, 11 12 acknowledging receipt of a copy of the public offering statement prior to the execution by the purchaser of any contract or agreement 13 for the disposition of any lot in a subdivision, which receipt shall 14 be kept in the files of the subdivider and be subject to inspection 15 by the Administrator for a period of three (3) years from the date 16 the receipt is taken. 17

B. A public offering statement shall disclose fully and accurately all material circumstances or features which affect the subdivided lands or which would be a material consideration in making the purchasing decision. The proposed public offering statement shall be submitted to the Administrator as required by paragraph 20 of Section 625 of this Code and shall be in such form

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1 and contain such information as the Administrator by rule requires₇
2 including:

3 1. The name, principal address, electronic mail address,
4 website address, and telephone number of the subdivider, his and the
5 subdivider's offices and agents in this state;

6 2. A general description of the subdivided lands including a7 statement of the total number of lots to be offered;

3. A statement as to whether the subdivider holds any option to
9 purchase adjacent properties and, if so, a description of such
10 option and the location and zoning of the adjacent properties;

11 4. The assistance, if any, that the subdivider, his and the 12 <u>subdivider's</u> agents or affiliates will provide to the purchaser in 13 the resale of the property and the extent to which the subdivider, 14 <u>his</u> agents, or affiliates will be in competition in the event of 15 resale;

5. The material terms of any encumbrances, easements, liens, and restrictions including zoning and other regulations affecting the subdivided lands and each unit or lot, the efforts to remove such liens or encumbrances, the results of the success or failure thereof, and all existing taxes and existing or proposed special taxes or assessments which affect the subdivided lands;

6. The use for which the property is to be offered;
7. Information concerning existing or proposed improvements
including, but not limited to, streets, water supply, levees,

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drainage control systems, irrigation systems, sewage disposal systems and customary utilities and the estimated cost, date of completion, and responsibility for construction and maintenance of existing and proposed improvements which are referred to in connection with the offering or disposition of any lot in subdivided lands;

8. Such financial statements of the subdivider as the
8 Administrator may require;

9 9. The topographic and climatic characteristics of the10 subdivided lands and adjacent area;

10. A statement of the existing provisions for access of the subdivision to community fire protection, the location of primary and secondary schools, the proximity to municipalities and the population thereof, the improvements installed or to be installed, including off-site and on-site community and recreational facilities, by whom they were or are to be installed, maintained or paid for, and an estimate of completion thereof; and

18 11. Such additional information as may be required by the 19 Administrator including any of the information contained in the 20 application for registration.

C. The public offering statement shall not be used for any promotional purpose before registration of the subdivided lands and afterwards it shall be used only in its entirety. It shall be unlawful for any person to advertise or represent that the

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Administrator has approved or recommended the subdivided lands or a disposition thereof. No portion of the public offering statement may be underscored, italicized, or printed in larger or heavier or different colored type than the remainder of the statement unless required or approved by the Administrator.

D. The Administrator may require the subdivider or his the
<u>subdivider's</u> agent to alter or amend the proposed public offering
statement in order to provide full and fair disclosure to
prospective purchasers.

10 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 71 O.S. 2021, Section 627, is 11 amended to read as follows:

Section 627. A. Within ninety (90) days from the date of 12 filing a completed application for registration, the Administrator 13 shall issue an order registering the subdivided lands or denying the 14 application for registration. If an order of denial is not issued 15 within ninety (90) days, the land shall be deemed registered unless 16 17 the applicant has consented to a delay or the application has been withdrawn. If any amendment to the application for registration is 18 filed prior to the time when the land shall be deemed registered, 19 the application shall be deemed to have been filed when the 20 amendment was filed. 21

B. An application for registration may be filed by the subdivider r or any other person on whose behalf the sales are to be

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1 made, or a licensed subdivided land agent, but the Administrator may
2 require that it be executed by the subdivider.

3 C. Any document filed under this Code within five (5) years
4 preceding the filing of an application for registration may be
5 incorporated by reference in the application for registration to the
6 extent that the document is currently accurate.

D. The Administrator may by rule or otherwise permit the
omission of any item of information or document from any application
for registration.

E. The Administrator may, as a condition of registration and at the expense of the subdivider as specified in subsection A of Section 652 of this title, investigate any subdivision required to be registered under this Code for the purpose of verifying statements contained in the application for registration and for the protection of prospective purchasers. For the purposes of such investigation, the Administrator may:

Require that a report or opinion by an independent
 accountant, engineer, appraiser or other expert be prepared and
 filed;

20 2. Make an examination of the business and records of the 21 applicant or subdivider;

3. Use and rely on any relevant information or data concerning
a subdivision obtained by him the Administrator from any federal,
state or local government or agency thereof;

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4. Conduct an on-site inspection of each subdivision;

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5. Conduct an annual on-site reinspection of each subdivision for each of the three (3) years after the expiration date of the registration or any renewal thereof;

6. Make on-site examinations or designate a representative to
make such examinations. Where additional technical, expert or
special services are used, the actual cost of such services may be
charged directly to and shall be paid by the person <u>subdivider</u> being
examined; and

10 7. Where an on-site inspection of any subdivision has been made 11 under this Code, an inspection of adjacent subdivided lands for 12 which a subsequent application for registration is filed may be 13 waived and an inspection thereof may be made at the time of the next 14 succeeding on-site inspection.

F. The Administrator may require that any subdivided lands be sold by use of a specified form contract or agreement, and that a signed copy or conformed copy of such signed copy be filed with him <u>the Administrator</u> or preserved by the subdivider for a period of up to five (5) years.

G. The Administrator may by rule or otherwise impose other conditions under which subdivided lands registered under this Code may be sold, provided such conditions are reasonable and in the public interest. The Administrator may require an escrow, trust or similar arrangement to reasonably assure that all improvements

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1 referred to in the application for registration will be completed 2 and that purchasers will receive the interests in land for which 3 they have contracted.

H. A registration is effective for one (1) year from its
effective date₇ or for such longer period as the Administrator may
permit by rule or order. No application for registration or
effective registration may be withdrawn at any time after its filing
unless permitted by rule or order of the Administrator. No
registration is effective during the time a stop order is in effect
under Section 628 of this title.

During the effective period of a registration, the 11 I. 12 Administrator may by rule or order require the person who filed the application for registration to file reports, not more often than 13 quarterly, to keep reasonably current the information contained in 14 the application for registration and to disclose the progress of the 15 sales. If any of the lands registered have been sold in this state, 16 17 the Administrator may by rule or order extend the period for filing the reports for an additional period not exceeding two (2) years 18 from the date the registration became effective or the date of the 19 registration period's latest extension. 20

J. The subdivider or registrant shall immediately report to the Administrator any material changes in the information contained in the application for registration.

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K. Upon the expiration of an effective registration, the
Administrator may renew the registration for an additional period of
one (1) year, provided the registrant is in compliance with this
Code, files such reports and applications as the Administrator may
require, and pays an annual renewal fee as required by Section 652
of this title, which fee shall not exceed the original registration
fee.

8 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 71 O.S. 2021, Section 628, is 9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 628. A. The Administrator may issue a stop order 11 denying effectiveness to, or suspending or revoking the 12 effectiveness of, any registration if he <u>or she</u> finds that the order 13 is in the public interest and that:

The registration statement as of its effective date or any
 report under subsections I or J of Section 627 of this Code is
 incomplete in any material respect or contains any statement which
 was, in light of the circumstances under which it was made, false or
 misleading with respect to any material fact;

Any provision of this Code or any rule, order, or condition
 lawfully imposed under this Code has been willfully violated in
 connection with the offer or disposition of subdivided lands by the
 person filing the registration statement, by the subdivider, any
 partner, officer or director of the subdivider, by any person
 occupying a similar status or performing similar functions, by any

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person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by the subdivider, or by any subdivided land sales agent or other person involved directly or indirectly in the offer or disposition of subdivided lands;

5 3. The subdivided lands are the subject of an administrative stop order or similar order or a permanent or temporary injunction 6 of any court of competent jurisdiction entered under any federal or 7 state act applicable to the offer or disposition of the subdivided 8 9 lands. Provided, that however, the Administrator may not institute a proceeding against an effective registration statement under this 10 paragraph more than one (1) year from the date of the order or 11 12 injunction relied on, and he or she may not enter an order under this paragraph on the basis of an order or injunction entered under 13 any other state or federal act unless that order or injunction was 14 based on facts which would currently constitute a ground for a stop 15 order under this section; 16

The subdivider's enterprise or method of business includes
 or would include activities which are illegal where performed;

19 5. The offer or disposition of the subdivided lands is or would
20 be unfair or inequitable to purchasers or has worked, tended to
21 work, or would work a fraud upon purchasers;

22 6. The disposition has been made or would be made with23 unreasonable commissions or other unreasonable compensation;

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7. The applicant or registrant has failed to pay the proper
 filing fee. Provided, that however, the Commissioner Administrator
 may enter only a denial order under this paragraph and he or she
 shall vacate any such order when the deficiency has been corrected;
 8. Advertising prohibited by Section 653 of this Code has been
 used in connection with the offer or disposition of the subdivided
 lands;

9. The financial condition of the subdivider or of any other
person connected with the offer or disposition of subdivided lands
adversely affects or would adversely affect the soundness of the
land purchase; or

12 10. The subdivider is not in compliance with federal, state, or 13 local environmental quality standards.

B. The Administrator may not institute a stop order proceeding against an effective registration statement on the basis of a fact or transaction known to <u>him the Administrator</u> when the registration statement became effective unless the proceeding is instituted within sixty (60) days.

19 C. In a proceeding for registration, within sixty (60) days of 20 the effective date of such registration statement, the applicant or 21 registrant has the burden of satisfying the requirements of 22 subsection A of this section.

D. The Administrator may issue a summary order denying,
postponing, suspending, or revoking the effectiveness of the

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1 registration statement pending final determination of any proceeding under this section. Upon the entry of the order, the Administrator 2 shall promptly notify each person specified in subsection E of this 3 section that the order has been entered, the reasons for the entry 4 of order, and that each such person has a right to request a hearing 5 under subsection A of Section 661 of this Code. If no hearing is 6 requested and none is ordered by the Administrator, the order will 7 remain in effect until it is modified or vacated by the 8 9 Administrator.

E. No stop order may be entered under this section except under subsection D of this section unless there has been appropriate prior notice to the applicant or registrant, to the subdivider and to the person on whose behalf the lands are to be or have been offered, an opportunity for hearings and the making of written findings of fact and conclusions of law.

F. The Administrator may vacate or modify a stop order if he finds that the conditions which prompted the stop order's entry have changed or that it is otherwise in the public interest to do so. SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 71 O.S. 2021, Section 631, is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 631. A. It is unlawful for any person to transact 22 business in this state as an agent unless he <u>the person</u> has obtained 23 a real estate broker's or real estate sales associate's license from 24 <u>his this</u> state of residence, if required, and has obtained a license

1 under this Code to offer or dispose of subdivided lands, provided 2 that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a person 3 whose dealings relate solely to property exempt under Section 622 of 4 this title or to transactions exempt under Section 623 of this 5 title.

B. Every license expires on the thirtieth day of June following
the date of issuance. It may be renewed under such rules as the
Administrator may establish.

9 C. Any license may be suspended, revoked or denied as provided 10 in Section 634 of this title.

D. The Administrator may, by rule or order, exempt from the requirements of this section persons as to whom he finds licensing under this Code is not necessary for the protection of purchasers. SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 71 O.S. 2021, Section 633, is amended to read as follows:

Section 633. A. Agents shall make and keep all accounts, 16 correspondence, memoranda, papers, books and other records as the 17 Administrator by rule requires and shall keep them for at least six 18 (6) years, and for the first three (3) years in a readily accessible 19 location, unless the Administrator by rule prescribes otherwise. 20 The Administrator may require that copies of any such records be 21 provided by the agent to the subdivider for retention and inspection 22 by the Administrator under such rules as he the Administrator may 23 prescribe. All required records shall be made available to the 24

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Administrator upon request for his inspection at his <u>or her</u> office
 or such other place as he <u>or she</u> may require. The Administrator may
 accept copies of records at his <u>or her</u> discretion.

B. Every agent shall file such reports as the Administrator by
rule prescribes.

6 C. If the information contained in any application for a
7 license or other document filed with the Administrator is or becomes
8 inaccurate or incomplete in any material respect, the licensee shall
9 file a corrective amendment within ten (10) days.

10 D. The Administrator may make periodic examinations, within or without this state, of the business and records of each licensed 11 12 agent at such times and in such scope as he determines. The 13 examinations may be made without prior notice. The Administrator shall charge all expenses incurred in such examination to the 14 licensed agent whose business is being examined in the amount as 15 provided in Section 652 of this title. For the purpose of avoiding 16 17 unnecessary duplication of examinations, the Administrator, insofar as he deems practicable, may cooperate with other regulatory 18 agencies. The Administrator may not be compelled to make public the 19 information obtained in the course of the examinations except when 20 his duty under this Code requires him to take action regarding an 21 agent or to make information available to other regulatory agencies, 22 or when the Administrator is called as a witness in any criminal 23

24 proceeding.

E. The Administrator may prescribe rules for the conduct of
 business by agents as he <u>or she</u> finds appropriate in the public
 interest for the protection of purchasers.

4 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 71 O.S. 2021, Section 642, is 5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 642. No agent person may offer or dispose of lots 7 within a subdivision required to be registered under this Code which 8 is subject to a blanket encumbrance, option or contract for deed 9 unless such offer or disposition is in compliance with such rules as 10 may be prescribed by the Administrator for the protection of 11 purchasers.

12 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 71 O.S. 2021, Section 652, is 13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 652. A. Unless otherwise provided by law, the 15 following are the fees that shall be charged by the Administrator 16 pursuant to the Oklahoma Subdivided Land Sales Code. No additional 17 fees shall be assessed or charged pursuant to rule or regulation of 18 the Administrator. Once paid, such fees shall be nonrefundable.

Agent License registration fee or renewal fee...\$30.00
 Agent License examination fee.....\$30.00
 Agent License examination fee.....\$30.00
 Filing fee for advertising or promotional materials \$10.00
 Filing fee for notification filing fee.....\$250.00
 Exemption notification or no-action request...\$250.00
 Interpretive opinion or no-action request...\$250.00
 Affidavit request.....\$10.00

1	$\frac{7.5}{5.}$ Service of process upon the Administrator\$10.00
2	8. <u>6.</u> Copying fee:
3	a. 8 1/2" by 14" or smaller \$.25 per page
4	b. Larger than 8 1/2" by 14" \$1.00 per page
5	c. Certified copy 8 1/2" by 14" or smaller \$1.00 per
6	page
7	d. Certified copy larger than 8 1/2" by 14" \$2.00 per
8	page
9	9. 7. Document search fee for commercial purpose\$20.00 per
10	hour
11	$\frac{10}{10}$ <u>8.</u> Initial application for registration of subdivided land
12	pursuant to Section 625 of this title:
13	a. Examination fee \$250.00
14	b. Registration fee \$1.00 per lot
15	11. 9. Renewal application for registration of subdivided land
16	pursuant to Section 627 of this title:
17	a. Examination fee \$250.00
18	b. Registration fee \$1.00 per
19	lot not previously
20	registered pursuant to the
21	Initial Application or
22	prior Renewal Application
23	filed pursuant to this
24	Code.

1 12. 10. Charges for an on-site examination of a subdivision conducted pursuant to Section 627 of this title or of a licensed 2 agent pursuant to Section 633 of this title, shall be billed to the 3 person subdivider being examined at a rate of \$25.00 per hour per 4 5 employee for the time spent by each Department employee in traveling to and from the examination site, conducting the examination, and 6 preparing the examination report. In addition, the Department shall 7 be reimbursed for all actual expenses incurred in conducting such 8 9 examinations, including travel expenses, per diem, lodging, and 10 other related expenses of Department employees conducting the examination, the cost of supplies, materials, photocopying, long 11 12 distance telephone calls, and postage; and costs of technical, 13 expert or special services required in connection with such examination. 14

B. All fees and other charges collected by the Administrator
pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the General Revenue
Fund except for the following fees and charges which shall be
deposited in the Oklahoma <u>Department of</u> Securities Commission
Revolving Fund established pursuant to Section 412 <u>1-612</u> of this
title:

1. The fees collected pursuant to paragraphs $\frac{5, 6, 7, 8}{20}$ and $\frac{3, 4, 5, 6, and 7}{20}$ of subsection A of this section;

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2. The fees collected pursuant to the provisions of Sections
 <u>Section</u> 627 and 633 of this title as provided in paragraph 12 10 of
 subsection A of this section; and

3. The examination fees collected pursuant to subparagraph a of
paragraph 10 8 and subparagraph a of paragraph 11 9 of subsection A
of this section.

7 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 71 O.S. 2021, Section 655, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 655. Neither the fact that a registration statement or an application for a license has been filed nor the fact that any 10 subdivided lands are registered or that any person is licensed 11 12 constitutes a finding by the Administrator that any document filed under this Code is true, complete, and not misleading. Neither any 13 such fact nor the fact that an exemption or exclusion is available 14 for an agent, subdivided land, or a transaction means that the 15 Administrator has passed in any way upon the merits or 16 qualifications of, or recommended or given approval to, any person, 17 subdivided land or transaction. It is unlawful to make, or cause to 18 be made, to any prospective purchaser, any representation 19 inconsistent with the foregoing. 20

21 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 71 O.S. 2021, Section 660, is 22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 660. If the Administrator has reason to believe that 24 any offer or disposition of subdivided land required to be

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1 registered under this Code is or would be fraudulent to purchasers, 2 he the Administrator may by order summarily prohibit further offers or dispositions in this state of such land until it is registered 3 under this Code. If the Administrator has reason to believe that 4 5 any subdivided land is being offered or disposed of in this state by any unlicensed person in violation of this Code or any rule or order 6 hereunder, he or she may by order summarily prohibit such person 7 from further offers or dispositions in this state of such subdivided 8 9 lands until he the person is licensed as required under this Code. 71 O.S. 2021, Section 662, is 10 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY

11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 662. A. The Administrator may make, amend, and rescind any rules, forms and orders that are necessary to carry out this 13 $Code_{\tau}$ including rules and forms governing applications for 14 registration or licensing, reports and defining any terms, whether 15 or not used in this Code, insofar as the definitions are not 16 inconsistent with this Code. For the purpose of rules and forms, 17 the Administrator may classify subdivided lands, persons, and 18 matters within his or her jurisdiction, and prescribe different 19 requirements for different classes. 20

B. No rule, form, or order may be made, amended, or rescinded
unless the Administrator finds that the action is necessary or
appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of
purchasers. In prescribing rules and forms, the Administrator may

1 cooperate with regulatory agencies of other units of government with 2 a view to achieving maximum uniformity in the form and content of 3 registration statements, applications, and reports wherever 4 practicable.

5 C. The Administrator may by rule or order prescribe the form and content of financial statements required under this Code, the 6 circumstances under which consolidated financial statements shall be 7 filed, and whether any required financial statements shall be 8 9 certified by independent or certified public accountants. All financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally 10 accepted accounting practices unless otherwise permitted by rule or 11 12 order.

D. No provision of this Code imposing any liability applies to any act done or omitted in good faith and conformity with any rule, form, or order of the Administrator, notwithstanding that the rule, form, or order may later be amended or rescinded or be determined to be invalid for any reason.

E. All rules and forms of the Administrator shall be published.
SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 71 O.S. 2021, Section 663, is
amended to read as follows:

21 Section 663. A. A document is filed when it is received by the 22 Administrator.

B. The Administrator shall keep a register record of all
 licenses and registration statements which are or have ever been

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effective under this Code and all denial, suspension, or revocation
 orders which have been entered under this Code. The register record
 shall be open for public inspection.

C. The information contained in or filed with any application for registration, licensing or report shall be made available to the public in accordance with rules prescribed by the Administrator.

D. Subject to the provisions of subsection D of Section 633 of this Code, the Administrator upon request shall furnish to any person at a reasonable charge photostatic or other copies, certified under <u>his the</u> seal of office <u>of the Administrator</u>, if certification is requested, of any entry in the <u>register record</u> or any order on file in <u>his the</u> office <u>of the Administrator</u>. Any copy so certified is admissible in evidence in trials and other proceedings.

14 E. The Administrator may honor requests from interested persons15 for interpretative opinions.

16 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 71 O.S. 2021, Section 664, is 17 amended to read as follows:

Section 664. A. Every applicant for a license or registration under this Code shall file with the Administrator, in such form as <u>he prescribed</u> by rule prescribes, an irrevocable consent appointing the Administrator or his successor in office to be his <u>or her</u> attorney to receive service of any lawful process in any noncriminal suit, action or proceeding against <u>him</u> <u>the applicant</u> or his <u>or her</u> successor, executor, or administrator which arises under this Code

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1 or any rule or order issued hereunder after the consent has been 2 filed, with the same validity as if served personally on the person filing the consent. The consent need not be filed by a person who 3 has filed a consent in connection with a previous registration or 4 5 license which is then in effect. Service may be made by leaving a copy of the process in the office of the Administrator, but is not 6 effective unless the plaintiff, who may be the Administrator in the 7 suit, action, or proceeding instituted by him or her, promptly sends 8 9 notice of the service and a copy of the process by registered or certified mail to the defendant or respondent at his the last 10 address on file with the Administrator, and the plaintiff's 11 affidavit of compliance with this subsection is filed in the case on 12 or before the return of the process, or within such time as the 13 court allows. 14

B. When any person τ including any nonresident in this state, 15 engages in conduct prohibited or made actionable by this Code or any 16 rule or order hereunder, and he has not filed a consent to service 17 of process under subsection A of this section and personal 18 jurisdiction over him the person cannot otherwise be obtained in 19 this state, that conduct shall be considered equivalent to his 20 appointment of the Administrator to be his the person's attorney to 21 receive service of any lawful process in any noncriminal suit, 22 action, or proceeding against him the person or his or her 23 successor, executor, or administrator which arises out of that 24

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1 conduct and which is brought under this Code or any rule or order hereunder, with the same validity as if served on $\frac{1}{1000}$ the person 2 personally. Service may be made by leaving a copy of the process in 3 the office of the Administrator, but it is not effective unless the 4 5 plaintiff, who may be the Administrator in a suit, action, or proceeding instituted by him the Administrator, promptly sends 6 notice of the service and a copy of the process by registered or 7 certified mail to the defendant or respondent at his the last-known 8 9 address or takes other steps which are reasonably calculated to give 10 actual notice τ and the plaintiff's affidavit of compliance with this subsection is filed in the case on or before the return day of the 11 12 process or within such time as the court allows.

C. When process is served under this section, the court or the Administrator in a proceeding before <u>him the Administrator</u>, shall order such continuance as is necessary to afford the defendant or respondent reasonable opportunity to defend.

17SECTION 15.REPEALER71 O.S. 2021, Sections 632 and 634,18are hereby repealed.

19 SECTION 16. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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