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Mr. Donald G. Schlesak
c/o Crystal Reporter
PO Box 695
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Dear Mr. Schlesak:

In response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140/1-11:

1. *Send a copy of the law governing Real Estate Licensing in Illinois mandating the use of the Social Security Number as identification for a real estate license or license application.* Enclosed is Section 5-25(a) of the Real Estate License Act of 2000 [225 ILCS 454/5-25(a)] which mandates the social security number.
2. *Send a copy of the law governing Real Estate Licensing in Illinois that allows for religious exemptions regarding the use of the Social Security Number as identification for a real estate license or license application.* The real estate license law does not address this issue.
3. *Send a copy of the rule, criteria, instructions, and procedures for accommodation of real estate license applicants that have religious convictions not to use an SSN for identification.* There are no documents responsive to this request.
4. *Send a copy of all of the criteria used to reject this type of applicant for reason of failure to comply with the administrative rules of your department.* See section 5-25(a) of the Real Estate License Act of 2000 [225 ILCS 454/5-25(a)] which mandates the social security number and Section 1450.70 of the Real Estate License Act of 2000 Administrative Rule that requires a complete application. Also please be advised that federal law requires all applicants for licensure under the Real Estate License Act of 2000 to disclose their social security numbers in the interest of improving the effectiveness of child support enforcement in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Public Aid. See 42 U.S.C. 666(a)(13). See also § 5 ILCS 100/10-65; § 225 ILCS 454/20-55.

Sincerely,

Young E. Brockhouse
Freedom of Information Officer
Bureau of Real Estate Professions

Enclosure

(225 ILCS 454/5-25)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)

Sec. 5-25. Application for and issuance of broker or salesperson license.

(a) Every person who desires to obtain a license shall make application to OBRE in writing upon forms prepared and furnished by OBRE. In addition to any other information required to be contained in the application, every application for an original or renewed license shall include the applicant's Social Security number. Each applicant shall be at least 21 years of age, be of good moral character, and have successfully completed a 4-year course of study in a high school or secondary school approved by the Illinois State Board of Education or an equivalent course of study as determined by an examination conducted by the Illinois State Board of Education and shall be verified under oath by the applicant. The minimum age of 21 years shall be waived for any person seeking a license as a real estate salesperson who has attained the age of 18 and can provide evidence of the successful completion of at least 4 semesters of post-secondary school study as a full-time student or the equivalent, with major emphasis on real estate courses, in a school approved by OBRE.

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
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TITLE 68: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
CHAPTER VIII: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
PART 1450 REAL ESTATE LICENSE ACT OF 2000
SECTION 1450.70 APPLICATIONS FOR SALESPERSONS AND BROKERS LICENSES BY
EXAMINATION

Section 1450.70 Applications for Salespersons and Brokers Licenses by Examination

- a) Each applicant for a salesperson's license shall submit to the Division:
 - 1) An application which is signed by the applicant and on which all questions have been answered;
 - 2) The fee as provided by Section 1450.95 of this Part;
 - 3) Proof of successful completion of the examination authorized by the Division;
 - 4) A properly completed sponsor card issued in accordance with Section 1450.75 of this Part; and
 - 5) Transcript, if applicable.
- b) Each applicant for a broker's license shall submit to the Division:
 - 1) An application which is signed and on which all questions have been answered;
 - 2) The fee as provided by Section 1450.95 of this Part;
 - 3) Proof of successful completion of the examination authorized by the Division;
 - 4) A properly completed sponsor card form issued in accordance with Section 1450.75 of this Part;
 - 5) Transcript, if applicable; and
 - 6) If the applicant will be a sponsoring broker, a properly completed consent to audit and examine special accounts form.
- c) An applicant shall have one year from the date of receipt of a passing score

on the examination to file an application with the Division and to meet all of the requirements for licensure.

(Source: Amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 11075, effective June 8, 2006)