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Home Inspector Stakeholder Meeting
October 14, 2009
Margate, FL

SUMMARY

In September and October 2009, Department of Business and Professional Regulation representatives held four open meetings with concerned parties to receive input concerning grandfathering, examinations, and background checks for the home inspector profession. The stakeholder meeting comments below reflect statements and recommendations of the interested parties who attended the October 14, 2009 meeting.

Grandfathering

1. It is recommended that home inspectors be required to have 120 hours of training as specified by law.
2. It is recommended that all home inspectors currently in business receive a provisional license.
3. It is recommended that DBPR allow national organization memberships to count and grandfather all with licenses.
4. It is recommended that all contractors, engineers, and architects be grandfathered and their continuing education requirements accepted.
5. It is recommended that anyone with 3 years of experience or 250 inspections be grandfathered.
6. It is recommended that grandfathering apply to anyone in business for 1-3 years.
7. It is recommended that licensing of home inspectors be accomplished gradually and that the law be deferred until after 2010.
8. It is recommended that all inspectors who are members of a national level organization be grandfathered in with licenses.
9. It is recommended that DBPR accept the standards of practice and code of ethics already published and used by national organizations.
10. It is recommended that any certifications accepted be from organizations requiring proctored exams.
11. It is recommended that contractors and architects not be grandfathered without taking an exam.
12. It is recommended that anyone with a certification from a national organization be grandfathered and given a license.
13. It is recommended the Errors & Omissions insurance be required for home inspectors.
14. It is recommended that grandfathering include experience, and exam, and a reasonable amount of time in the business.

Examinations

1. It is recommended that DBPR allow both on line examinations and proctored examinations.
2. It is recommended that DBPR recognize the examinations of national level organizations.

3. It is recommended that DBPR only use proctored examinations, but allow training to be accomplished on line.
4. It is recommended that DBPR look at online exams that are also proctored like the GRE.
5. It is recommended that DBPR use a Florida specific exam.
6. It is recommended that DBPR use the InterNACHI exam.
7. It is recommended that DBPR accept a signed affidavit to verify honesty of online exams.

Background Checks

1. It is recommended that inspectors currently holding a license that required a background check not have to undergo another background check.
2. It is recommended that credit checks not be part of the background check.

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