



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4735.181 Sanctions for noncompliance with statutory requirements - disposition of fines.

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(A) No real estate broker or salesperson licensed pursuant to this chapter shall fail to comply with divisions (B) and (D) of section 4735.13, division (D) of section 4735.14, or sections 4735.22, 4735.55, 4735.56, and 4735.58 of the Revised Code or any rules adopted under those divisions or sections.

(B) When the superintendent determines that a licensee has violated division (A) of this section, the superintendent may do either of the following:

(1) Initiate disciplinary action under section 4735.051 of the Revised Code, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code;

(2) Personally, or by certified mail, serve a citation and impose sanctions in accordance with this section upon the licensee.

(C) Every citation served under this section shall give notice to the licensee of the alleged violation or violations charged and inform the licensee of the opportunity to request a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The citation also shall contain a statement of a fine of up to two hundred dollars per violation. All fines collected pursuant to this section shall be credited to the real estate recovery fund, created in the state treasury under section 4735.12 of the Revised Code.

(D) If any licensee is cited three times under this section within twelve consecutive months, the superintendent shall initiate disciplinary action pursuant to section 4735.051 of the Revised Code for any subsequent violation that occurs within the same twelve-month period.

If a licensee fails to request a hearing within thirty days after the date of service of the citation, or the licensee and the superintendent fail to reach an alternative agreement, the citation shall become final.



(E) Unless otherwise indicated, the licensee named in a final citation under this section must meet all requirements contained in the final citation within thirty days after the effective date of that citation.

(F) The superintendent shall suspend automatically a licensee's license if the licensee fails to comply with division (E) of this section.