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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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3/13/2019 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\hj\20190313.docx))

3/13/2019 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\hj\20190313.docx))

3/26/2019 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 41](file:///h:\hj\20190326.docx))

4/2/2019 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\hj\20190402.docx))

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4/2/2019 House Roll call Yeas‑107 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h:\hj\20190402.docx))

4/3/2019 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\hj\20190403.docx))

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4/3/2019 Senate Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj\20190403.docx))

1/23/2020 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([Senate Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\sj\20200123.docx))

3/4/2020 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 68](file:///h:\sj\20200304.docx))

3/4/2020 Senate Roll call Ayes‑46 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 68](file:///h:\sj\20200304.docx))

3/10/2020 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 27](file:///h:\sj\20200310.docx))

3/19/2020 Ratified R 130

3/24/2020 Signed By Governor

3/26/2020 Effective date See Act for Effective Date

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**AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 60 OF 2017, RELATING TO CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS BY THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME EFFECTIVE DATE TO JULY 1, 2020, AND TO LIMIT APPLICABILITY OF THIS REVISED TIME EFFECTIVE DATE WITH RESPECT TO LICENSE RENEWALS.**

Whereas, in Act 60 of 2017, the South Carolina General Assembly enacted various provisions concerning criminal background checks for licensees of the South Carolina Real Estate Commission, effective three years after approval by the Governor; and

Whereas, the Governor approved Act 60 of 2017 on May 19, 2017, which makes May 19, 2020, the effective date of that act; and

Whereas, the May 19, 2020, effective date falls during a licensee renewal period, which would make the criminal background check provisions applicable to some applicants for license renewal but not others, creating a disparate effect and unnecessarily complicating the renewal process for these hardworking professionals; and

Whereas, the General Assembly finds it necessary to revise the effective date of Act 60 of 2017 to occur immediately after the conclusion of this license renewal period. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Act 60 of 2017 effective date changed, applicability**

SECTION 1. SECTION 5 of Act 60 of 2017 is amended to read:

“SECTION 5. This act takes effect on July 1, 2020, and with respect to license renewals is only applicable to renewals initially due after June 30, 2020.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval of the Governor.

Ratified the 19th day of March, 2020.

Approved the 24th day of March, 2020.

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