

HOUSE BILL 1162

By Alexander

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67,
relative to taxation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-1514(f)(4), is amended by deleting the following language:

Upon receipt of a written complaint made against any agent, the executive secretary, if the executive secretary determines that the complaint warrants an investigation, shall notify the agent, and the agent shall file an answer to the complaint with the executive secretary within forty-five (45) days from receipt of notice. Following receipt of the agent's answer to the complaint, the executive secretary shall appoint an administrative judge from the staff of the board who shall investigate the complaint. The administrative judge may dismiss the complaint or determine that a hearing is required. Any such hearing shall be conducted by the panel, and the panel may discipline any agent in any manner provided in this section. Within forty-five (45) days from the date of the panel's disciplinary decision, the disciplined agent may appeal the panel's decision to the board. In the event of such appeal, the members of the board shall conduct a hearing and may confirm or dismiss the panel's disciplinary decision.

and by substituting instead the following:

Upon receipt of a written complaint made against any agent, the executive secretary, if the executive secretary determines that the complaint warrants an investigation, shall notify the agent, and the agent shall file an answer to the complaint with the executive secretary within thirty (30) days from receipt of notice. Following receipt of the agent's answer to the complaint, the executive secretary shall appoint an

administrative judge from the staff of the board who shall investigate the complaint. The administrative judge may dismiss the complaint or determine that a hearing is required. Any such hearing shall be conducted by the panel, and the panel may discipline any agent in any manner provided in this section. Within thirty (30) days from the date of the panel's disciplinary decision, the disciplined agent may appeal the panel's decision to the board. In the event of such appeal, the members of the board shall conduct a hearing and may confirm or dismiss the panel's disciplinary decision.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.