

No. 1990-77

AN ACT

SB 558

Amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), entitled "An act establishing the State Real Estate Commission and providing for the licensing of real estate brokers and salesmen," providing for continuing education.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 404.1. Continuing education.

(a) The commission shall adopt, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this act establishing requirements of continuing education to be met by individuals licensed as real estate brokers and real estate salespersons under this act as a condition for renewal of their licenses. The commission may waive all or part of the continuing education requirement for a salesperson or broker who shows evidence, to the commission's satisfaction, that he was unable to complete the requirement due to illness, emergency or hardship. Such regulations shall include any fees necessary for the commission to carry out its responsibilities under this section.

(b) Beginning with the license period designated by regulation, each person licensed pursuant to this act shall be required to obtain 14 hours of mandatory continuing education during each two-year license period. A licensed broker or salesperson who wishes to activate a license which has been placed on inactive status shall be required to document 14 hours of continuing education.

(c) All courses, materials, locations and instructors shall be approved by the commission. No credit shall be given for any course in office management.

(d) The commission shall initiate the promulgation of regulations to carry out the provisions of this section within six months of the effective date of this section.

(e) The commission shall inform licensees of the continuing education requirement prior to the renewal period when continuing education is required. Each renewal notice thereafter shall include the following additional information:

(1) That licenses may be placed on inactive status for no more than five years.

(2) That individuals must show evidence of 14 hours of continuing education in order to reactivate a license which has been placed on inactive status.

(3) The procedure and fee required for activating an inactive license.

(4) That a licensee who fails to activate his license after five years must retake the appropriate examination.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 9th day of July, A. D. 1990.

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