

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, SHUMAKER, SHAFFER, ANDREZESKI,
PORTERFIELD, WILT AND AFFLERBACH, FEBRUARY 21, 1989

SENATOR BELL, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, AS
AMENDED, MAY 23, 1989

AN ACT

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

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

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

10 Section 404.1. Continuing education.

11 (a) The commission shall adopt, promulgate and enforce rules
12 and regulations consistent with the provisions of this act
13 establishing requirements of continuing education to be met by
14 individuals licensed as real estate brokers and real estate
15 salespersons under this act as a condition for renewal of their
16 licenses. The commission may waive all or part of the continuing
17 education requirement for a salesperson or broker who shows
18 evidence, to the commission's satisfaction, that he was unable

1 to complete the requirement due to illness, emergency or
2 hardship. Such regulations shall include any fees necessary for
3 the commission to carry out its responsibilities under this
4 section.

5 (b) Beginning with the license period designated by
6 regulation, each person licensed pursuant to this act shall be
7 required to obtain 14 hours of mandatory continuing education
8 during each two-year license period. A licensed broker or
9 salesperson who wishes to activate a license which has been
10 placed on inactive status shall be required to document no more <—
11 than 14 hours of continuing education. Upon renewal of the <—
12 license, the commission shall waive all or part of the 14 hours,
13 on a prorated basis, if one year or less remains before the next
14 renewal at the time such license is activated.

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

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

21 (E) THE COMMISSION SHALL INFORM LICENSEES OF THE CONTINUING <—
22 EDUCATION REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO THE RENEWAL PERIOD WHEN
23 CONTINUING EDUCATION IS REQUIRED. EACH RENEWAL NOTICE THEREAFTER
24 SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

25 (1) THAT LICENSES MAY BE PLACED ON INACTIVE STATUS FOR
26 NO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS.

27 (2) THAT INDIVIDUALS MUST SHOW EVIDENCE OF 14 HOURS OF
28 CONTINUING EDUCATION IN ORDER TO REACTIVATE A LICENSE WHICH
29 HAS BEEN PLACED ON INACTIVE STATUS.

30 (3) THE PROCEDURE AND FEE REQUIRED FOR ACTIVATING AN

1 INACTIVE LICENSE.

2 (4) THAT A LICENSEE WHO FAILS TO ACTIVATE HIS LICENSE
3 AFTER FIVE YEARS MUST RETAKE THE APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.