SENATE BILL 147

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By: Chair, Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental - Labor, Licensing and Regulation) Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2011 Assigned to: Finance Committee Report: Favorable Senate action: Adopted Read second time: February 16, 2011 CHAPTER _____ AN ACT concerning State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors – Home **Inspectors – Continuing Professional Competency** FOR the purpose of requiring the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors to adopt regulations to require a demonstration of continuing professional competency of a certain number of educational hours as a condition of renewal of a license to provide home inspection services; providing for the implementation of the continuing professional competency requirement on a phased-in basis; and generally relating to the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Business Occupations and Professions Section 16-3A-07 Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: **Article – Business Occupations and Professions** 16-3A-07.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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- Unless a license is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section, 1 2 the license expires on a staggered basis as determined by the Secretary. 3 At least 1 month before a license expires, the Commission shall mail to the licensee, at the last known address of the licensee: 4 (1) a renewal application form; and 5 6 **(2)** a notice that states: 7 (i) the date on which the current license expires; and 8 the amount of the renewal fee. (ii) 9 Before a license expires, the licensee may renew it for an additional (c) 10 2-year term, if the licensee: 11 otherwise is entitled to be licensed; (1) 12 pays to the Commission a renewal fee not to exceed \$400; (2) 13 submits a renewal application on the form that the Commission (3) 14 provides; and 15 submits proof of compliance with the insurance requirement of § 16-4A-04 of this title. 16 17 The Commission shall renew the license of and issue a license to each 18 licensee who meets the requirements of this section. 19 **(E) (1)** THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE A DEMONSTRATION OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY OF UP TO 30 20 21EDUCATIONAL HOURS FOR A LICENSEE AS A CONDITION OF RENEWAL OF A 22LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPHS (2) 23 THROUGH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- 24 (2) CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS 25 DO NOT APPLY TO THE FIRST RENEWAL OF A LICENSE.
- 26 (3) If a license expires on or before September 30, 2013, A
 27 LICENSEE IS NOT REQUIRED TO FULFILL THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
 28 COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS.
- 29 (4) If A LICENSE EXPIRES BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2013, AND 30 SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, A LICENSEE IS REQUIRED TO FULFILL 50% OF THE

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.
(5) IF A LICENSE EXPIRES ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2014, A LICENSEE IS REQUIRED TO FULFILL THE FULL CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011.
Approved:
Governor.
President of the Senate.
Speaker of the House of Delegates.