Chapter 159

(Senate Bill 64)

AN ACT concerning

State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors – Membership

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that certain licensed home inspector members of the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors be members of a certain home inspection organization or society; requiring certain licensed home inspector members of the Commission to have held a certain license in the State for a certain number of years; and generally relating to the membership of the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

Section 16–101(a) and (h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

Section 16–202(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

16-101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (h) "Commission" means the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors.

16-202.

- (a) (1) The Commission consists of 15 members.
 - (2) Of the 15 members of the Commission:

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- (i) at least 2 shall be certified general real estate appraisers;
- (ii) 2 shall be certified general real estate appraisers, certified residential real estate appraisers, or licensed real estate appraisers;
- (iii) 2 shall be representatives of a financial institution who are not certified or licensed real estate appraisers or home inspectors;
- [(iv) 1 shall be a licensed home inspector who is a member of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI);
- (v) 1 shall be a licensed home inspector who is a member of the National Association of Home Inspectors;]
- [(vi)] (IV) [2] 4 shall be licensed home inspectors, <u>EACH OF WHOM</u> <u>SHALL HAVE HELD A LICENSE AS A HOME INSPECTOR IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 5</u> <u>YEARS</u> [without regard to affiliation with or membership in any society or association];
 - (vii) (V) 4 shall be consumer members; and
- [(viii)] (VI) 1 shall be a representative of an appraisal management company registered under Subtitle 5B of this title.
 - (3) The Governor shall:
- (i) appoint the members with the advice of the Secretary and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and
- (ii) consider demographic and geographic diversity when making appointments to the Commission.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2018.