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Assigned to: Economic Matters

## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2	Real Estate Brokers - Licensing - Continuing Education Requirements
3	FOR the purpose of altering the continuing education requirements for a licensee who has
4	been a licensed real estate broker for a certain period of time; and generally relating
5	to continuing education requirements for licensed real estate brokers.
6	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7	Article – Business Occupations and Professions
8	Section 17–315
9	Annotated Code of Maryland
10	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
11	SECTION 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND

## 13 Article – Business Occupations and Professions

That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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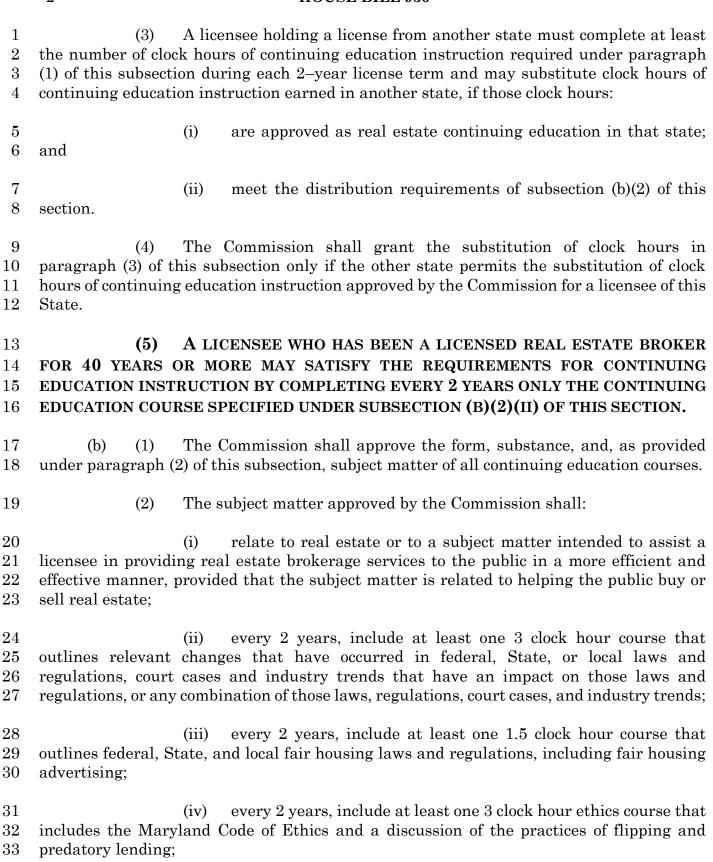
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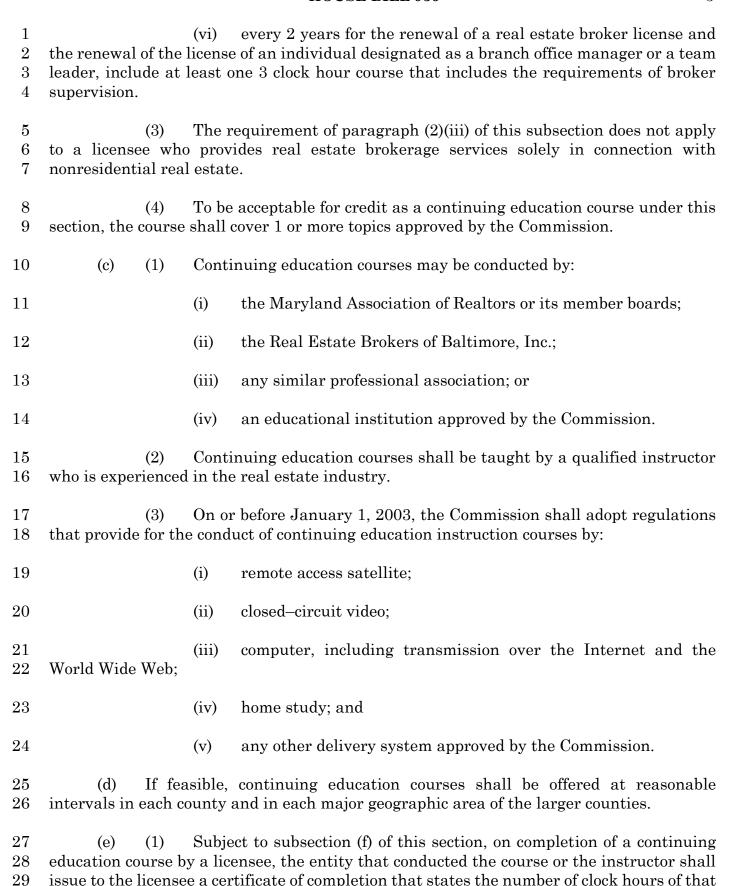
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- (a) (1) [To] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO qualify for renewal of a license under this subtitle, a licensee shall complete at least 15 clock hours of continuing education instruction, as provided in subsection (b) of this section, during the preceding 2—year term.
- 19 (2) For a licensee who provides real estate brokerage services solely in 20 connection with nonresidential real estate, of the clock hours required under paragraph (1) 21 of this subsection, 1.5 clock hours may be satisfied by a course regarding fair housing laws 22 and regulations or the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

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34 (v) every 2 years, include at least one 3 clock hour course that 35 includes the principles of agency and agency disclosure; and



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- 1 (2) The Commission shall accept as evidence of completion of a continuing 2 education course the certificate of completion, a photocopy of the certificate, an electronic 3 mail certificate, or a photocopy of an electronic mail certificate.
  - (f) (1) Instead of providing a certificate of completion to the licensee under subsection (e) of this section, the entity that conducted the course may submit the course completion information directly to the Commission and the licensee by electronic means.
- 7 (2) On or after January 1, 2013, the Commission may require all entities conducting continuing education courses to submit course completion information only by electronic means.
- 10 (g) The Commission may waive the requirements of this section for a licensee if 11 the licensee shows good cause for being unable to meet the requirements.
- 12 (h) The Commission shall require each course provider to pay a continuing 13 education course application fee of \$25.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.