

Chapter 333

(House Bill 807)

AN ACT concerning

Real Estate Brokers, Salespersons, and Associate Brokers – Continuing Education Courses – Verification of Identity

FOR the purpose of requiring an ~~instructor of~~ *entity that conducts* a continuing education course for real estate brokers, salespersons, and associate brokers to require an individual enrolled in a certain course to provide certain documentation to verify the identity of the individual; and generally relating to continuing education courses for real estate brokers, salespersons, and associate brokers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 17–315(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 17–315(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 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

17–315.

(a) (1) 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.

- (c) (1) Continuing education courses may be conducted by:
 - (i) the Maryland Association of Realtors or its member boards;
 - (ii) the Real Estate Brokers of Baltimore, Inc.;
 - (iii) any similar professional association; or
 - (iv) an educational institution approved by the Commission.

(2) Continuing education courses shall be taught by a qualified instructor who is experienced in the real estate industry.

(3) On or before January 1, 2003, the Commission shall adopt regulations that provide for the conduct of continuing education instruction courses by:

- (i) remote access satellite;
- (ii) closed-circuit video;
- (iii) computer, including transmission over the Internet and the World Wide Web;
- (iv) home study; and
- (v) any other delivery system approved by the Commission.

(4) TO VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN A CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE, THE ~~INSTRUCTOR~~ ENTITY THAT CONDUCTS THE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE SHALL REQUIRE, AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATING IN THE COURSE, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDE:

(I) FOR AN IN-PERSON COURSE, A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION;
AND

(II) FOR A VIRTUAL OR OTHER REMOTE COURSE, A SIGNED AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING TO THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2022.