



## **House Bill 1120 – Professional Licensing Portability – Members of the Foreign Service and Spouses**

### **Position: Support**

Maryland REALTORS® supports House Bill 1120, which would allow a member of the United States Foreign Service or their spouse to provide real estate brokerage services in Maryland under their out of state license for the duration of their assignment or detail. To use this pathway, an individual must provide the Maryland Real Estate Commission with a copy of the assignment or detail notification, remain in good standing in all jurisdictions where the individual is licensed or has held a similar license, demonstrate active use of the license within the prior two years, and agree to comply with Maryland standards of practice, discipline, and continuing education requirements.

Foreign Service families are often required to relocate on short notice and should not face unnecessary delays in continuing their careers. A streamlined process helps these households maintain employment and financial stability while still requiring them to demonstrate professional accountability and agree to comply with Maryland requirements.

To better assist these licensees, the Maryland Real Estate Commission should develop and share practical guidance materials for individuals practicing under this pathway. Real estate brokerage practices are governed heavily by state law, and compliance depends on understanding Maryland specific requirements from the start. By doing so, Foreign Service licensees can avoid inadvertent violations of Maryland laws and better serve their new clients.

For these reasons, Maryland REALTORS® respectfully requests a favorable report.

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