

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 6. 1943.

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CHAPTER 492.

(House Bill 187)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-section (c) of Section 348 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Real Estate Brokers", relating to the requirements for licenses.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sub-section (c) of Section 348 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Real Estate Brokers", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

348. (c) The Commission shall have the power to require all applicants for a license under this sub-title to act as a real estate broker, including members of co-partnerships and associations and officers of corporations to present reasonable proof that they are trustworthy and qualified to perform the functions authorized by the license applied for, including passage of a reasonable written examination as to their knowledge of the general functions of a real estate broker and the general procedure for handling real estate transactions so as to properly protect the interests of those whom they may represent in such transactions, provided that all persons who hold such a license under the provisions of this sub-title on the effective date thereof shall be entitled to a renewal of their license upon applying therefor and paying the prescribed fee unless their license shall have been suspended or revoked for cause as provided in Section 355 of this sub-title; and provided further that any applicant for such a license who resides in any of the counties now exempted from the provisions of this sub-title and who is regularly engaged in business as a real estate broker on the effective date of this Act shall be granted a license