

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 evidence that they have had no less than two years' practical experience in selling real estate or that they are duly qualified to practice law in this State, and 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 upon applying therefor and paying the required fee; provided further that any person who is lawfully engaged in business as a real estate broker at the time of going into the Armed Services of the country shall not at any future time be required to pass the aforesaid examination in order to obtain a license under this sub-title.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 27, 1945.

CHAPTER 884.

(House Bill 644)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 943B of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Special Fund", relating to the basis for computing pensions for widows or minor children of certain deceased members of the Police Department of Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 943B of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Special Funds",