

CHAPTER 666  
(Senate Bill 172)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 217(c) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Licenses," subtitle "Real Estate Brokers," to provide that the Maryland Real Estate Commission may determine the type of examination given to applicants for a real estate salesman's license or a real estate broker's license.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 217(c) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Licenses," subtitle "Real Estate Brokers," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

*(c) Qualifications; examination; continuation of business of licensee in armed services or deceased licensee; temporary license and apprenticeship—*

(1) The Commission shall have the power to require all applicants for a license under this subtitle to act as real estate broker or as a real estate salesman, including members of copartnerships and associations and officers of corporations, to present reasonable proof of graduation from a recognized elementary school, or that they have, in the judgment of the Commission, acquired comparable educational qualifications through other sources and in either event that they are trustworthy and qualified to perform the functions authorized by the license applied for and, when the application is for a license as a real estate broker, including evidence that they have had no less than three years, practical experience in selling real estate as a licensed real estate salesman and that they have successfully completed a course of instruction approved by the Real Estate Commission or that they are duly qualified to practice law in this State. All applicants for a licensee as a real estate broker under this subtitle shall be required to pass a reasonable written examination as to their qualifications to perform the functions authorized under the license applied for and that they possess adequate ~~knowledge~~ KNOWLEDGE as to the general procedure for handling real estate transactions so as to properly protect the interest of those whom they may represent in such transactions, provided that all persons who hold such a license under the provisions of this subtitle on September 1, 1967 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 224 of this subtitle; and provided further that any licensed real estate broker going into the armed services of his country shall have the right to designate his attorney, any adult member of his immediate family or any salesman licensed in his office to supervise and carry on his business during the period of such service, and that the license of any such broker shall be renewed during such period on application by the person so designated and provided further that upon the death of any licensed broker, any adult member of his family shall have the right to carry on the business of the deceased broker for the remainder of the license year or six months, whichever is the longer period.

(2) From and after September 1, 1967, all applicants for a license as a real estate salesman under this subtitle shall be required to pass