### Senate Bill No. 384

# AN ACT concerning

# Licensed Real Estate Brokers - Branch Offices - Managers

FOR the purpose of establishing requirements for a licensed real estate salesperson to qualify to be designated a branch office manager of a licensed real estate broker; requiring a licensed real estate salesperson seeking to qualify as a branch office manager to submit to the State Real Estate Commission a certain commitment at a certain time; and generally relating to requirements for real estate broker branch office managers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

Section 17-518

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 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

#### 17-518.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of this subtitle, a licensed real estate broker may maintain branch offices in the State.
- (b) A licensed real estate broker shall obtain a branch office certificate before the broker may maintain a branch office in the State.
  - (c) (1) An applicant for a branch office certificate shall:
- (i) submit to the Commission an application on the form that the Commission provides;
- (ii) submit to the Commission written notice of the identity of the individual appointed as manager of the branch office under subsection (d) of this section; and
  - (iii) pay to the Commission an application fee of \$5.
- (2) The Commission shall issue a branch office certificate to each licensed real estate broker who meets the requirements of this section.
- (d) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the licensed real estate broker shall designate a manager for each branch office of the broker.
  - (2) The manager shall be:
    - (i) a licensed associate real estate broker; [or]