

(I) RELATE TO REAL ESTATE; AND

(II) EVERY ~~4~~ 2 YEARS, INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE 3-HOUR COURSE THAT OUTLINES RELEVANT CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS DURING THE PRECEDING 5 YEARS.

(3) To be acceptable for credit as a continuing education course under this section, the course shall cover 1 or more topics approved by the Commission.

(c) (1) Continuing education courses may be conducted by:

- (i) the Maryland Association of Realtors or its member boards;
- (ii) the Real Estate Brokers of Baltimore City, Inc.;
- (iii) any similar professional association; or
- (iv) an educational institution approved by the Commission.

(2) Continuing education courses shall be taught by a qualified instructor who is experienced in the real estate industry.

(d) If feasible, continuing education courses shall be offered at reasonable intervals in each county and in each major geographic area of the larger counties.

(e) On completion of a continuing education course by a licensee, the entity that conducted the course or the instructor shall issue to the licensee a certificate of completion that states the number of clock hours of that course.

(f) The Commission may waive the requirements of this section for a licensee if the licensee shows good cause for being unable to meet the requirements.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

Approved May 11, 1993.

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**CHAPTER 246**

**(Senate Bill 519)**

AN ACT concerning

**Consumer Protection – Civil Penalties – Merchants**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the imposition of certain civil penalties against merchants for violations of the Consumer Protection Act in administrative cease and desist actions; and establishing standards for the imposition of civil penalties by the Consumer Protection Division.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Commercial Law