

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain continuing education courses relate to real estate or the provision of real estate services; authorizing a member association of the Maryland Association of Realtors ~~or a qualified instructor~~ to conduct certain continuing education courses; ~~prohibiting the State Real Estate Commission from requiring that a qualified instructor or educational institution have a certain certificate of approval as a postsecondary education institution;~~ requiring the State Real Estate Commission to accept as evidence of certain licensees' completion of certain continuing education requirements evidence of any course attended in another state, United States territory, or the District of Columbia, regardless of whether there is a reciprocal agreement with that location; requiring the State Real Estate Commission to provide for the conduct of continuing education courses by certain methods of transmission by a certain date; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to continuing education requirements for real estate brokers, associate real estate brokers, and real estate salespersons.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

Section 17-315

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 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**

17-315.

(a) (1) To qualify for renewal of a license under this subtitle, a licensee shall complete[:

(i) in the license term that begins in 1992, at least 12 clock hours of continuing education instruction, as provided in this section, during each 2-year license term; and

(ii) in and after the license term that begins in 1996,] at least 15 clock hours of continuing education instruction, as provided in this section, during the preceding 2-year term.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection:

(i) a licensee who is granted a license during the second year of a license term may renew a license for the next full term without complying with the continuing education requirements of this section; and

(ii) a licensee who has been licensed for 10 years or more may satisfy the continuing education requirements and renew a license for the next full term by completing 6 clock hours of continuing education instruction that outlines relevant changes that have occurred in federal, State, or local laws, or any combination of those laws.