Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 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

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- (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.
- (b) (1) The Commission shall approve the form, substance, and, as provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection, subject matter of all continuing education courses.
 - (2) The subject matter approved by the Commission shall:
 - (i) relate to real estate;
- (ii) every 2 years, include at least one 3-hour course that outlines relevant changes that have occurred in federal, State, or local laws <u>AND REGULATIONS</u>, or any combination of those laws <u>AND REGULATIONS</u>, during the preceding 5 years; and
- (iii) every 2 years, include at least one 1.5 clock hour course that outlines federal, State, and local fair housing laws and regulations, including fair housing advertising.
- (3) The requirement of paragraph (2)(iii) of this subsection does not apply to a licensee who provides real estate brokerage services solely in connection with nonresidential real estate.