

This bill extends the sunset date for the Maryland Real Estate Commission (MREC) from July 1, 2002 to July 1, 2012 and requires another sunset evaluation on or before July 1, 2011. The bill also requires the commission to have in place, by January 1, 2003, regulations for accepting continuing education credit through alternative instructional media such as remote access satellite, closed circuit video, computer and internet based courses, home study, and any other delivery system approved by the commission. The bill requires MREC to submit to a report regarding the implementation of the recommendations contained in the October 31, 2000 sunset evaluation report to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee by December 1, 2001.

Senate Bill 324, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 497.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 497

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Real Estate Commission - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of continuing the Maryland Real Estate Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission; altering a provision relating to the subject matter of a certain continuing education course to be approved by the Commission; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations to provide for the conduct of continuing education courses by certain methods of transmission on or before a certain date; requiring that an evaluation of the Commission and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Commission be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to certain committees on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Maryland Real Estate Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

Section 17-315 and 17-702

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 8-403(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland