

~~2. The judge agrees not to increase the defendant's bond if an appeal is noted.~~

~~(iii) The State may not demand a jury trial.~~

~~(f) (1) Except as provided in Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the Family Law Article, the District Court does not have jurisdiction of an offense otherwise within the District Court's jurisdiction if a person is charged:~~

~~(i) With another offense arising out of the same circumstances but not within the District Court's jurisdiction; or~~

~~(ii) In the circuit court with an offense arising out of the same circumstances and within the concurrent jurisdictions of the District Court and the circuit court described under subsection (d) of this section.~~

~~(2) In the cases described under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the circuit court for the county has exclusive original jurisdiction over all the offenses.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any offenses that were committed before October 1, 2002.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

May 15, 2002

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 560 - Business Occupations and Professions - Real Estate Licenses - Requirements for Licensure and Renewal.

Senate Bill 560 alters several provisions in current law relating to continuing education requirements for the renewal of licenses for real estate brokers, associate brokers and salespeople. The bill would require individuals who want to renew a license in and after the license term that begins in 1996 to complete 15 clock-hours of continuing education instruction, with certain exceptions. The bill would require individuals with certain graduate degrees to complete only 7.5 hours of continuing education instruction. Further, individuals who have been licensed for 10 years or more and hold a "real estate designation from a nationally recognized real estate trade association including the National Association of Realtors and the Maryland Association of Realtors" would also be required to complete only 7.5 hours. The bill also adds a requirement that 3 clock-hours of the continuing education instruction must relate to ethics, given recent incidents of "flipping" and other questionable practices.