

HOUSE BILL 807

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By: **Delegate Queen**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Real Estate Brokers, Salespersons, and Associate Brokers – Continuing**
3 **Education Courses – Verification of Identity**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring an instructor of a continuing education course for real estate
5 brokers, salespersons, and associate brokers to require an individual enrolled in a
6 certain course to provide certain documentation to verify the identity of the
7 individual; and generally relating to continuing education courses for real estate
8 brokers, salespersons, and associate brokers.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
11 Section 17–315(a)(1)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
16 Section 17–315(c)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 17-315.

2 (a) (1) To qualify for renewal of a license under this subtitle, a licensee shall
3 complete at least 15 clock hours of continuing education instruction, as provided in
4 subsection (b) of this section, during the preceding 2-year term.

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

6 (i) the Maryland Association of Realtors or its member boards;

7 (ii) the Real Estate Brokers of Baltimore, Inc.;

8 (iii) any similar professional association; or

9 (iv) an educational institution approved by the Commission.

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

12 (3) On or before January 1, 2003, the Commission shall adopt regulations
13 that provide for the conduct of continuing education instruction courses by:

14 (i) remote access satellite;

15 (ii) closed-circuit video;

16 (iii) computer, including transmission over the Internet and the
17 World Wide Web;

18 (iv) home study; and

19 (v) any other delivery system approved by the Commission.

20 **(4) TO VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN A**
21 **CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE, THE INSTRUCTOR SHALL REQUIRE, AS A**
22 **CONDITION OF PARTICIPATING IN THE COURSE, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDE:**

23 **(I) FOR AN IN-PERSON COURSE, A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION;**

24 **AND**

25 **(II) FOR A VIRTUAL OR OTHER REMOTE COURSE, A SIGNED**
26 **AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING TO THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL.**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2022.