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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1504

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR REAL ESTATE LICENSEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL ESTATE LICENSEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-42-307(b) and (c), concerning licensure requirements and renewals, are amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) A broker or salesperson shall complete annually:

(A) ~~Six (6)~~ Not less than six (6) or more than nine (9) classroom hours of continuing education required by the commission;

(B) The distance education equivalent of ~~continuing education~~ subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section required by the commission;

or

(C) A course that the commission has determined to demonstrate mastery of an acceptable real estate subject.

(2) A licensee who satisfies subdivision (b)(1) of this section completes the continuing education requirements for the licensing year.

(3) If a licensee files for renewal of a license but fails to provide proof of continuing education, the licensee's license is inactive until proof is provided to the commission.

(c)(1) To renew or reactivate a license, a licensee shall complete+

~~(A) Six (6)~~ the number of classroom hours of continuing



education, or

~~(B) The~~ the distance education equivalent of continuing education required by the commission for each inactive year. ~~The total continuing education shall not to exceed a total of thirty (30) classroom hours under this subdivision (c)(1).~~

(2) ~~An inactive license~~ Except as provided in subdivision (c)(1) of this section, a person is not subject to the education requirements of this section while the person's license is inactive.

(3) The commission may waive all or part of the requirements of subdivision (c)(1) of this section if a licensee is unable to complete the continuing education due to extenuating circumstances.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-42-514 is amended to read as follows:
17-42-514. Curricula.

(a) The Arkansas Real Estate Commission may:

(1) Require not less than six (6) or more than nine (9) classroom hours of continuing education for licensees;

(2) Identify subject matter topics for continuing education courses;

~~(2)(3)~~ (3) Identify a specific topic of not more than three (3) classroom hours to be included in the annual continuing education requirement ~~of six (6) hours of continuing education annually;~~

~~(3)(4)~~ (4) Develop and require a specific curriculum for continuing education courses for licensed brokers or their designees; and

~~(4)(5)~~ (5) Identify subject matter topics for which licensed schools and instructors may develop courses that fulfill the annual continuing education requirements.

(b) The commission may develop the curricula for prelicense and postlicense education.

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