

General Assembly

January Session, 2025

## Substitute Bill No. 5572

## AN ACT CONCERNING REAL ESTATE WHOLESALERS AND REAL ESTATE WHOLESALE CONTRACTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer3 Protection;

4 (2) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

5 (3) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-311 of 6 the general statutes;

(4) "Real estate wholesaler" (A) means a person who enters into a real
estate wholesale contract for the purpose of facilitating or orchestrating
the sale of a seller's real property to a third party, and (B) does not
include a real estate licensee engaged in the real estate business, as such
terms are defined in section 20-311 of the general statutes; and

(5) "Real estate wholesale contract" means an agreement between a
real estate wholesaler and the seller of real property that requires the
real estate wholesaler to, for compensation and without assuming
possession of the real property, facilitate or orchestrate the sale of such
real property to a third party.

17 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no 18 person shall act as a real estate wholesaler in this state unless the 19 Department of Consumer Protection has issued a real estate wholesaler 20 license to such person pursuant to this subdivision. A person seeking a 21 real estate wholesaler license shall submit an application to the 22 department in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of 23 Consumer Protection. Each initial license application submitted 24 pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable 25 application fee in the amount of two hundred eighty-five dollars. Each 26 real estate wholesaler license issued pursuant to this subdivision shall 27 be valid for a period not to exceed one year and may be renewed for 28 successive one-year periods by submitting a license renewal application 29 to the department in a form and manner prescribed by the 30 commissioner. Each license renewal application submitted pursuant to 31 this subdivision shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable renewal fee 32 in the amount of two hundred eighty-five dollars.

(2) No real estate wholesaler shall be required to obtain a real estate
wholesaler license from the department under subdivision (1) of this
subsection for any calendar year in which such real estate wholesaler
enters into not more than one real estate wholesale contract.

37 (c) (1) Each real estate wholesale contract shall, at a minimum,38 include:

39 (A) The name of the real estate wholesaler;

(B) The license number of the real estate wholesaler license issued to
the real estate wholesaler pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b)
of this section, if any;

(C) A provision providing (i) the seller with a ten-day period within
which the seller may, at the seller's expense, have an attorney review the
terms of such real estate wholesale contract, and (ii) that the seller may
cancel such real estate wholesale contract during such ten-day period
without incurring any penalty or obligation; and

48 (D) The following statement, in not less than sixteen-point type, at the49 top of the first page of such real estate wholesale contract:

50 "ENGAGING WITH A WHOLESALER TO SELL A PROPERTY IS A
51 SERIOUS DECISION AND PROSPECTIVE SELLERS ARE ADVISED
52 TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY OR LICENSED REAL ESTATE
53 PROFESSIONAL TO ENSURE THEY ARE RECEIVING THE BEST
54 PRICE AND CONTRACT TERMS POSSIBLE.".

55 (2) No real estate wholesale contract shall provide for a closing date 56 that is more than seventy days after the date on which all parties to such 57 contract executed such contract. The parties to a real estate wholesale 58 contract may agree to extend such seventy-day period, provided such 59 extension is made in writing and signed by all parties to such contract. 60 In the absence of any such extension, the real estate wholesale contract 61 shall automatically terminate upon expiration of such seventy-day 62 period.

(d) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

(e) Any violation of the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this
section shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under
subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

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