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AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM REAL PROPERTY, CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL ESTATE LICENSEES, REQUIRING A STUDY OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY WHOLESALING AND REVISING THE TITLE OF A REAL ESTATE SALESPERSON TO A REAL ESTATE AGENT.

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) "Dwelling unit", "owner", "rental agreement" and "tenant" have 3 the same meanings as provided in section 47a-1 of the general statutes;
- 4 (2) "Police officer" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-5 294a of the general statutes; and
- 6 (3) "Unauthorized person" means any individual who is unlawfully 7 occupying real property and who is not (A) a current or former tenant 8 of the owner of the real property, or (B) immediate family, as defined in 9 section 1-91 of the general statutes, of the owner of the real property.
- (b) Any owner of real property, or such owner's authorized agent,
 may request from a police officer the immediate removal of any
 unauthorized person pursuant to this section if:
- 13 (1) The person requesting such removal is the owner of the real

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property, or such owner's authorized agent, that is being occupied bysuch unauthorized person;

16 (2) Such unauthorized person has unlawfully entered and remains or17 continues to reside on such owner's real property;

(3) Such owner or such owner's authorized agent has directed suchunauthorized person to leave such owner's real property;

(4) Such unauthorized person cannot produce documentation,
correspondence or identification cards issued by any governmental
agency identifying that such unauthorized person resided on such real
property during the immediately preceding twelve months;

(5) Such unauthorized person cannot produce a lease signed by such
owner of real property, or such owner's authorized agent, or provide
documentation of current rental payments paid by such unauthorized
person to such owner, or such owner's authorized agent, to allow such
unauthorized person to reside on such real property; and

(6) There is no pending litigation related to such real property
between such owner of real property and such unauthorized person
occupying such real property.

(c) To request the immediate removal of any unauthorized person,
the owner of the real property, or such owner's authorized agent, shall
submit a completed Affidavit Concerning the Removal of Persons
Unlawfully Occupying A Dwelling Unit to a police officer. The
submitted affidavit shall be in substantially the following form:

37 AFFIDAVIT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF PERSONS 38 UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A DWELLING UNIT

I, the owner or authorized agent of the owner of the real propertylocated at, declare under the penalty of perjury that (initial eachbox):

42 1. ... I am the owner of the real property or the authorized agent of

- 43 the owner of the real property.
- 44 2. ... I purchased the real property on
- 3. An unauthorized person or persons have unlawfully enteredand are remaining or residing unlawfully on the real property.
- 47 4. ... I have directed the unauthorized person or persons to leave48 the real property, but they have not done so.
- 5. ... The person or persons are not current or former tenants pursuant to any valid lease authorized by the owner of real property. The person or persons are unable to provide documentation of rental payments for such person or persons to reside on such real property, and any lease that may be produced by such person or persons is fraudulent.
- 6. The unauthorized person or persons sought to be removed are
 not an owner or a co-owner of the real property and have not been listed
 on the title to the real property unless the person or persons have
 engaged in slander of the title.
- 59 7. The unauthorized person or persons are not immediate family60 members of the owner of real property.
- 8. There is no litigation related to the real property pending
 between the owner of real property and any person sought to be
 removed from the real property.
- 64 9. ... I am requesting a police officer to immediately remove the65 unauthorized person or persons from the real property.
- 10. ... A copy of my valid government-issued identification is
 attached, or I am an agent of the owner of real property, and documents
 evidencing my authority to act on the owner of real property's behalf
 are attached.
- 70 I HAVE READ EVERY STATEMENT MADE IN THIS AFFIDAVIT

71	AND EACH STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND
72	THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE MADE
73	UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN
74	SECTION 53A-156 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.
75	Signed this day of, 20
76	Witnessed by
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78	(Acknowledgment)

79 (d) Upon receipt of an affidavit submitted pursuant to subsection (c) 80 of this section, the police officer shall verify that the person submitting 81 such affidavit is the record owner of the real property or the authorized 82 agent of such record owner and appears otherwise entitled to relief 83 under this section. If verified, the police officer shall, without delay, 84 serve a notice to immediately vacate on any unauthorized person 85 occupying such real property and shall put such record owner of such 86 real property in possession of such real property. Service may be accomplished by hand delivery of the notice to an occupant of the real 87 88 property or by posting such notice on the front door or entrance of such 89 real property. Such police officer shall attempt to verify the identity of 90 each person occupying the dwelling and note such identity on the return of services. 91

92 (e) Any person may bring a civil cause of action against the owner of 93 the real property or such owner's authorized agent for wrongful 94 removal under this section. A person harmed by a wrongful removal 95 under this section may be restored to possession of the real property and 96 may recover actual costs and damages incurred, statutory damages 97 equal to triple the fair market rent of the dwelling, court costs and 98 reasonable attorney's fees.

(f) This section does not limit the rights of any owner of real propertyor limit the authority of any police officer to arrest any unlawful

101 occupant for trespassing, vandalism, theft or other crimes.

102 Sec. 2. Section 20-319 of the general statutes is repealed and the 103 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

104 (a) The commission shall authorize the department to issue a two-105 year renewal license to any applicant who possesses the qualifications 106 specified in, and has otherwise complied with the provisions of, this 107 chapter and any regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter. The 108 commission shall authorize the department to issue a two-year renewal 109 of a real estate broker's license to any business entity licensed pursuant 110 to subsection (b) of section 20-312, provided such business entity: (1) 111 Was so licensed as of September 30, 2005, notwithstanding the fact such 112 business entity does not meet the requirements for publicly traded 113 corporations required by subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 20-114 312, or (2) changes such business entity's designated broker pursuant to 115 subsection (c) of section 20-312.

116 (b) There are hereby established two-year renewal licenses to be 117 issued by the department to real estate licensees. Each real estate 118 licensee who files an application with the department seeking a two-119 year renewal license shall fulfill a continuing education requirement. 120 Each applicant for a two-year renewal license shall, in addition to the 121 other requirements imposed by the provisions of this chapter, submit to 122 the commission or department proof that such applicant is in 123 compliance with the continuing education requirements established in 124 this section. Each real estate licensee shall pay a biennial eight-dollar 125 continuing education processing fee to cover the administrative costs 126 associated with reviewing and auditing continuing education 127 submissions. The continuing education requirement for real estate 128 licensees may be satisfied by successful completion of any of the 129 following during the two-year period preceding a renewal: (1) A course 130 or courses of not less than two hours per course, approved by the 131 commission or department, of continuing education in current real 132 estate practices and licensing laws, including, but not limited to, 133 practices and laws concerning common interest communities,

134 consisting of not less than twelve hours of classroom study; or (2) a 135 written examination prepared and administered by either the 136 department, or by a national testing service approved by the department, which demonstrates a knowledge of current real estate 137 138 practices and licensing laws; or (3) equivalent continuing educational 139 experience or study as determined by regulations adopted pursuant to 140 subsection (d) of this section. Any course approved by the commission or department under subdivision (1) of this subsection may be offered 141 142 at any office of a real estate broker or a real estate franchise. An applicant 143 for examination under subdivision (2) of this subsection shall pay the 144 required examination fee to the national testing service, if administered 145 by such testing service, or to the department, if administered by the 146 department.

(c) If the commission or department refuses to grant a two-year
renewal license, the licensee or applicant, upon written notice received
as provided for in this chapter, may have recourse to any of the remedies
provided by sections 20-314, as amended by this act, and 20-322.

(d) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with
the commission, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,
to establish continuing education requirements. Such regulations shall
include, but not be limited to: (1) Specifications for meeting equivalent
continuing educational experience or study; and (2) exceptions from
continuous education requirements for reasons of health or instances of
individual hardship.

(e) If a real estate licensee fails to satisfy the continuing education
requirements established pursuant to this section for any two-year
license period, the real estate licensee shall pay to the department a fee
in the amount of:

(1) Three hundred fifteen dollars if such licensee reports to the
department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, that
such real estate licensee failed to satisfy such continuing education
requirements during such license period but completed such continuing

166 education requirements not later than two months after such license167 period expired; or

168 (2) Six hundred twenty-five dollars if such licensee reports to the 169 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, that 170 such real estate licensee failed to satisfy such continuing education 171 requirements during such license period but completed such continuing 172 education requirements more than two months after such license period 173 expired but not later than four months after such license period expired.

174 Sec. 3. (Effective from passage) (a) The Commissioner of Consumer 175 Protection shall conduct a study of residential real property wholesaling 176 business practices in this state and hold not less than one public hearing 177 on such residential real property wholesaling business practices. The 178 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall invite representatives who 179 may have expertise in the residential real property wholesaling industry 180 to participate in any such public hearing, including, but not limited to, 181 real estate brokers, real estate agents or representatives of any entities 182 engaged in residential real property wholesaling in this state.

(b) Not later than February 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Consumer
Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
insurance on the findings of such study conducted pursuant to the
provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

189 Sec. 4. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 8-169aa of the 190 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 191 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(2) "Actively marketed" means (A) a sign has been placed on a
property advertising sale of such property, (B) the owner of such
property has (i) hired a real estate broker or [salesperson] <u>agent</u>, licensed
pursuant to section 20-312, <u>as amended by this act</u>, to include the
property in the multiple listing service or to otherwise market the
property, (ii) placed advertisements weekly, or more frequently, in print

or electronic media, or (iii) distributed printed advertisements, and (C)
such sign contains accurate contact information for such owner or real
estate broker or [salesperson] <u>agent;</u>

201 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 10a-123 of the general statutes is 202 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from* 203 *passage*):

204 (b) The purposes, objectives and duties of said center shall be as 205 follows: (1) To conduct studies in real estate and urban economics and to publish and disseminate the findings and results of such studies; (2) 206 207 to assist the teaching program in real estate offered by The University of 208 Connecticut; (3) to supply material to the Connecticut Real Estate 209 Commission for the preparation by it of examinations for real estate 210 [salespersons] agents and brokers, if requested to do so by the 211 commission; (4) to develop and from time to time revise and update 212 materials for use in the extension courses in real estate offered by The 213 University of Connecticut; and (5) to assist the Connecticut Real Estate 214 Commission in developing standards for the accreditation of technical 215 education and career schools and other teaching agencies giving courses 216 in the field of real estate and standards for the approval of courses in the 217 field of real estate, as and when requested to do so by the commission.

Sec. 6. Section 20-311 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

220 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

221 (1) "Advertising" (A) means disseminating, publishing or causing to 222 be posted by way of any (i) print media, including, but not limited to, 223 outdoor signage and periodicals, (ii) audio or video broadcast, 224 streaming or other electronic dissemination, or (iii) written or 225 photographic material disseminated or posted via online, telephonic 226 notification, electronic mail or other electronic means, and (B) does not 227 include any (i) stockholder communication, including, but not limited 228 to, any annual report, interim financial report, proxy material, 229 registration statement, securities prospectus or application for listing a

230 security on a stock exchange, (ii) prospectus, property report, offering 231 statement or other document that any federal agency or agency of 232 another state requires be delivered to a prospective purchaser, (iii) 233 communication addressed to, and relating to the account of, a person 234 who has executed a contract for the purchase of a subdivider's lands, 235 except if such communication concerns the sale of additional lands, or 236 (iv) press release or other communication delivered to a media outlet for general information or public relations purposes, provided no charge is 237 238 imposed by such media outlet for publication or use of any part of such 239 communication:

(2) "Affiliated" means having a working relationship with a real estate
licensee by way of an (A) employer-employee relationship, or (B)
independent contractor relationship;

(3) "Associate broker" means a real estate broker who (A) is affiliated
with a supervising licensee as an independent contractor or employed
by a supervising licensee, and (B) has the authority to engage in the real
estate business on behalf of such supervising licensee;

(4) "Business entity" means any association, corporation, limitedliability company, limited liability partnership or partnership;

(5) "Commercial real estate transaction" means any transaction
involving the sale, exchange, lease or sublease of real property other
than (A) real property containing any building or structure occupied, or
intended to be occupied, by not more than four families, or (B) a single
building lot to be used for family or household purposes;

(6) "Commission" means the Connecticut Real Estate Commission
appointed under the provisions of section 20-311a, as amended by this
act;

(7) "Confidential information" means any fact concerning a person's
assets, expenses, income, liabilities, motivations to purchase, rent or sell
real property and previous offers received or made to purchase or lease
real property which (A) a client has not authorized for release, or (B) is

not (i) a matter of general knowledge, (ii) part of a public record or file
to which access is authorized pursuant to section 1-210, or (iii) otherwise
subject to disclosure under any other provision of the general statutes
or regulations of Connecticut state agencies;

265 (8) "Custodial broker" means any individual who is (A) licensed as a 266 real estate broker, and (B) temporarily appointed solely to (i) conclude 267 the real estate business matters of another broker who is deceased or 268 incapacitated, (ii) transition such matters to a real estate broker who is 269 alive and not incapacitated, or (iii) assist in transitioning the deceased 270 or incapacitated broker's ownership interest in a business entity that is 271 engaged in the real estate business for the purpose of satisfying the 272 requirements established in section 20-312, as amended by this act;

273 (9) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

(10) "Designated agency" means the appointment by a real estate
broker of one or more brokers or [salespersons] <u>agents</u> affiliated with or
employed by the real estate broker to solely represent a buyer or tenant
as a designated buyer's agent and appoint another to represent a seller
or landlord as a designated seller's agent in a transaction;

(11) "Designated broker" means the individual real estate broker
whom a real estate broker business entity names as the individual
broker responsible for the supervision and overall operation of such
business entity's engagement in the real estate business in this state;

(12) "Designated buyer agent" means a real estate licensee who is
designated by the real estate broker by whom such real estate licensee
is employed, or with whom such real estate licensee is affiliated, solely
to represent a named buyer or tenant client of the real estate broker
during the term of a buyer representation agreement or authorization;

(13) "Designated seller agent" means a real estate licensee who is
designated by the real estate broker by whom such real estate licensee
is employed, or with whom such real estate licensee is affiliated, solely
to represent a named seller or landlord client of the real estate broker

292 during the term of a listing agreement or authorization;

(14) "Development owner" means (A) the owner of record of a
multiunit development that is offered for lease, or (B) the parent
company of such owner of record if such parent company holds a one
hundred per cent ownership interest in such owner of record;

(15) "Engage in the real estate business" means to, while acting for
another and for a fee, commission or other valuable consideration,
negotiate for or offer, or attempt to list for sale, sell, exchange, buy or
rent, an estate or interest in real estate or to resell a mobile manufactured
home, as defined in section 21-64;

302 (16) "Incapacity" means any physical or mental incapacity which
303 prevents an individual from substantially satisfying such individual's
304 duties and responsibilities as a real estate licensee;

(17) "Influence residential real estate appraisals" includes, but is not
limited to, refusing or intentional failing to refer a homebuyer, or
encouraging other real estate licensees not to refer a homebuyer, to a
mortgage broker or lender, as such terms are defined in section 36a-760,
based solely on the fact that the mortgage broker or lender uses an
appraiser who has provided an appraisal reflecting a fair market value
estimate that was less than the sale contract price;

(18) "Leasing agent" means any individual, other than a real estate
licensee, who (A) acts as an agent for a principal for a commission, fee
or other valuable consideration, and (B) engages in leasing or renting
activity, including, but not limited to, (i) collecting security deposits, (ii)
offering or attempting to negotiate a rental, or (iii) collecting, offering or
attempting to collect rent for the use of real estate;

(19) "Multiunit development" means any residential complex with atleast fifty units that are leased or available to be leased;

320 (20) "Negotiate" means acting, directly or indirectly, as an 321 intermediary by facilitating, or participating in, communications between parties related to the parties' interests in a real estate or mobilemanufactured home transaction;

(21) "Nonmaterial fact concerning real property" means any fact, set
of facts or circumstances surrounding real property which includes, but
is not limited to, the fact that (A) an occupant of real property is or has
been infected with a disease on the list of reportable diseases, emergency
illnesses and health conditions issued by the Commissioner of Public
Health pursuant to section 19a-2a, or (B) the real property was at any
time suspected to have been the site of a death or felony;

331 (22) "Person" means any individual or business entity;

332 (23) "Promotional note" (A) means any promissory note that (i) is 333 secured by a trust deed executed (I) on unimproved real property, (II) 334 after construction of an improvement of real property but before the first 335 sale of such property so improved, or (III) as a means of financing the first purchase of such property so improved, and (ii) is subordinate, or 336 337 which by its terms may become subordinate, to any other trust deed on 338 such property, and (B) does not include any note which was executed 339 more than three years prior to being offered for sale or was secured by 340 a first trust deed on real property in a subdivision, which evidences a 341 bona fide loan made in connection with the financing of the usual costs 342 of the development of one or more residential, commercial or industrial 343 buildings on the property under a written agreement providing (i) for 344 either the disbursement of the loan funds as costs are incurred or in 345 relation to the progress of the work, and (ii) for title insurance insuring 346 the priority of the security as against mechanic's liens or for the final 347 disbursement of at least ten per cent of the loan funds after the 348 expiration of the period for the filing of mechanic's liens;

(24) "Prospective party" means any person that communicates with a
real estate licensee in contemplation of potential representation by the
real estate licensee in a real estate transaction;

(25) "Real estate broker" or "broker" means (A) any person engagedin the real estate business, and (B) any person employed by or on behalf

of the owner or owners of lots or other parcels of real estate, at a stated salary, upon commission, upon a salary and commission basis or otherwise to sell such real estate, or any parts thereof, in lots or other parcels, and who sells or exchanges, or offers, attempts or agrees to negotiate the sale or exchange of, any such lot or parcel of real estate;

(26) "Real estate licensee" means any real estate broker or real estate
[salesperson] <u>agent</u> licensed pursuant to this chapter;

361 (27) ["Real estate salesperson" or "salesperson"] <u>"Real estate agent" or</u>
362 <u>"agent"</u> means any individual who is affiliated with a supervising
363 licensee to (A) engage in the real estate business for or on behalf of such
364 supervising licensee, or (B) if such individual is acting for another
365 person as a designated seller agent or designated buyer agent, engage
366 in the real estate business;

367 (28) "Real estate transaction" means any transaction in which (A) real
368 property is legally transferred to another person, or (B) a lease
369 agreement is executed between a landlord and a tenant;

(29) "Residential real property" means any one to four-family
residential real estate located in this state, including, but not limited to,
(A) a cooperative or condominium where the total number of units in
such cooperative or condominium does not exceed four units, and (B)
any individual unit within a multiunit development;

(30) "School" means any person that offers prelicensing or continuing
education courses approved pursuant to this chapter;

(31) "Supervising licensee" means the real estate broker that is
responsible for controlling and supervising another real estate licensee
or a team;

(32) "Team" means any combination of at least two licensed real estate
brokers, designated brokers or real estate [salespersons] <u>agents</u> who are
affiliated with the same supervising licensee and engage in advertising
as a group using a team name; and

(33) "Team name" means the name used to refer to a team in teamadvertisements.

Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 20-311a of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) The commission shall consist of eight persons, electors of the state, appointed by the Governor. Three of the members shall be at the time of appointment licensed real estate brokers, two of the members shall be at the time of appointment licensed real estate [salespersons] <u>agents</u> and three of the members shall be public members. Not more than a bare majority of the commission shall be members of the same political party and there shall be at least one member from each congressional district.

Sec. 8. Subsection (e) of section 20-312 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

399 (e) Each team shall register, on a form and in a manner prescribed by 400 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, with the department. Each 401 initial registration shall be valid for a period of one year and be subject 402 to renewal for additional one-year periods. Each team shall pay to the 403 department an initial registration fee of five hundred sixty-five dollars 404 when the team files its initial registration, and a registration renewal fee 405 of three hundred seventy-five dollars when the team files each 406 registration renewal, pursuant to this subparagraph. Each team shall 407 include in each registration form that the team files with the department 408 pursuant to this subsection:

409 (1) Such team's team name, which shall:

(A) Include the full name of at least one licensed real estate broker or
real estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u> who is part of such team or be
immediately followed by "at/of"; [full name of the team's supervising
licensee;]

(B) Not include the name of any individual who is not a licensed real
estate broker or real estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u>; and

416 (C) With the exception of "team", not include any abbreviation, term
417 or phrase, including, but not limited to, "associates", "company",
418 "corporation", "group", "LLC", "real estate" or "realty", that implies that
419 such team is a business entity;

(2) The name of, and contact information for, such team's supervising
licensee, who shall serve as such team's primary contact, ensure that
such team complies with all applicable laws and regulations concerning
team advertisements and ensure that such team timely files accurate
registration forms and registration updates with the department
pursuant to this subsection; and

(3) The name and contact information for each real estate broker orreal estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u> who is part of such team.

428 Sec. 9. Section 20-312a of the general statutes is repealed and the 429 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

In any action brought by a third party against a real estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u> affiliated with a real estate broker as an independent contractor, such broker shall be liable to the same extent as if such affiliate had been employed as a real estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u> by such broker.

Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 20-312c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) Each supervising licensee shall be responsible for the actions of
the associate brokers who are under such supervising licensee's control
and supervision to the same extent that such supervising licensee would
be responsible for such associate brokers if such associate brokers were
real estate [salespersons] <u>agents</u> affiliated with such supervising
licensee.

444 Sec. 11. Section 20-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the 445 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Licenses shall be granted under this chapter only to persons who
bear a good reputation for honesty, truthfulness and fair dealing and
who are competent to transact the business of a real estate broker or real
estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u> in such manner as to safeguard the interests
of the public.

(b) Each application for a license or for a renewal thereof shall bemade in writing, on such forms and in such manner as is prescribed bythe department.

454 (c) In order to determine the competency of any applicant for a real 455 estate licensee's license, the commission or Commissioner of Consumer 456 Protection shall, on payment of an application fee of one hundred twenty dollars by an applicant for a real estate broker's license or an 457 458 application fee of eighty dollars by an applicant for a real estate 459 [salesperson's] <u>agent's</u> license, subject such applicant to personal written 460 examination as to the applicant's competency to act as a real estate 461 broker or real estate [salesperson] agent, as the case may be. Each 462 examination shall be prepared by the department or by a national 463 testing service designated by the commissioner and shall be 464 administered to applicants by the department or by such testing service 465 at such times and places as the commissioner may deem necessary. The 466 commission or commissioner may waive the uniform portion of the 467 written examination requirement in the case of an applicant who has 468 taken the national testing service examination in another state within 469 two years from the date of application and has received a score deemed 470 satisfactory by the commission or commissioner. The commissioner 471 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, establishing 472 passing scores for examinations. In addition to such application fee, 473 applicants taking the examination administered by a national testing 474 service shall be required to pay directly to such testing service an 475 examination fee covering the cost of such examination. Each payment of 476 such application fee shall entitle the applicant to take such examination 477 within the one-year period from the date of payment.

478 (d) (1) Each applicant shall, before being admitted to such 479 examination, prove to the satisfaction of the commission or the 480 Commissioner of Consumer Protection that the applicant (A) (i) has 481 been actively engaged as a licensed real estate [salesperson] agent under 482 the supervision of a supervising licensee, who is licensed in this state, 483 for a minimum period of three years immediately preceding the date the 484 applicant filed such applicant's application, during which period such 485 [salesperson] agent engaged in the real estate business for at least one 486 thousand five hundred hours and such supervising licensee, or such 487 supervising licensee's authorized representative, has certified the 488 accuracy of a record of such applicant's active engagement on a form 489 provided by such applicant to such supervising licensee or authorized 490 representative, (ii) has successfully completed a course approved by the 491 commission or commissioner in real estate principles and practices of at 492 least sixty classroom hours of study, (iii) has successfully completed a 493 course approved by the commission or commissioner in real estate legal 494 compliance consisting of at least fifteen classroom hours of study, (iv) 495 has successfully completed a course approved by the commission or 496 commissioner in real estate brokerage principles and practices 497 consisting of at least fifteen classroom hours, (v) has successfully 498 completed two elective courses, each consisting of fifteen classroom 499 hours of study, as prescribed by the commission or commissioner, and 500 (vi) has represented a seller, buyer, lessor or lessee in at least four real 501 estate transactions that closed during the three years immediately 502 preceding the date on which such applicant filed such applicant's 503 application, or (B) has equivalent experience or education as determined 504 by the commission or commissioner. Each supervising licensee, or 505 authorized representative of such supervising licensee, shall certify the 506 accuracy or inaccuracy of a record provided by an applicant to such 507 supervising licensee or authorized representative under subparagraph 508 (A)(i) of this subdivision not later than ninety days after such applicant 509 provides such record to such supervising licensee or authorized 510 representative.

511 (2) The commission or the commissioner shall waive the elective 512 courses under subparagraph (A)(v) of subdivision (1) of this subsection 513 if the applicant has successfully completed at least twenty real estate 514 transactions within five years immediately preceding the date of 515 application.

(3) Each applicant for a real estate [salesperson's] <u>agent's</u> license shall,
before being admitted to such examination, prove to the satisfaction of
the commission or the commissioner that the applicant (A) has
successfully completed a course approved by the commission or
commissioner in real estate principles and practices consisting of at least
sixty classroom hours of study, or (B) has equivalent experience or
education as determined by the commission or commissioner.

(e) The provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this section shall not
apply to any renewal of a real estate broker's license, or a real estate
[salesperson's] <u>agent's</u> license issued prior to October 1, 1973.

526 (f) All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire 527 biennially. At the time of application for a real estate broker's license, 528 there shall be paid to the department, for each individual applicant and 529 for each business entity, the sum of one thousand one hundred thirty 530 dollars, and for the biennial renewal thereof, the sum of seven hundred 531 fifty dollars, except that for licenses expiring on March 31, 2022, a 532 prorated renewal fee shall be charged to reflect the fact that the March 533 2022, renewal shall expire on November 30, 2023. At the time of 534 application for a real estate [salesperson's] agent's license, there shall be paid to the department five hundred seventy dollars and for the biennial 535 536 renewal thereof the sum of five hundred seventy dollars. Six dollars of 537 each such biennial renewal fee shall be payable to the Real Estate 538 Guaranty Fund established pursuant to section 20-324a. A real estate 539 broker's license issued to any business entity shall entitle the designated 540 broker, upon compliance with the terms of this chapter, but without the 541 payment of any further fee, to perform all of the acts of a real estate 542 broker under this chapter on behalf of such business entity. Any license 543 which expires and is not renewed on or before the ninetieth day

544 following the expiration date of such license may be reinstated by the 545 commission or department, in the commission's or department's 546 discretion, provided such license has expired for less than three years 547 and the former licensee (1) attests that such former licensee did not work 548 in this state in the occupation or profession in which such former 549 licensee was licensed while such former licensee's license was lapsed, 550 (2) pays the renewal fee due for such license for the year in which such 551 license is reinstated, and (3) completes any continuing education 552 required for such license for the year preceding such reinstatement. If 553 an applicant for reinstatement worked in this state in the occupation or 554 profession in which such applicant was formerly licensed while such 555 license was lapsed, the applicant shall pay all license and late fees due 556 and owing for the lapse period and demonstrate that such applicant has 557 completed all continuing education required for such license for the 558 year preceding such reinstatement. Such late fees shall be assessed for 559 each real estate broker's license in the amount of three hundred seventy-560 five dollars and for each real estate [salesperson's] agent's license in the 561 amount of two hundred eighty-five dollars for each year or fraction 562 thereof from the date of expiration of the previous license to the date of 563 payment for reinstatement. If a license has lapsed for at least three years, 564 the former licensee is ineligible for reinstatement under this subsection 565 and may apply for a new license. Notwithstanding any contrary 566 provision of this subsection, a former licensee whose license expired 567 after such former licensee entered military service shall be reinstated 568 without payment of any fee if an application for reinstatement is filed 569 with the commission or department before the third anniversary of such 570 expiration date, and the former licensee provides evidence that is 571 sufficient to demonstrate to the commission or department that such 572 former licensee completed at least six hours of continuing education for 573 such license, including, but not limited to, the mandatory continuing 574 education required for such license, during the calendar year preceding 575 the date on which such application for reinstatement is filed. Any such 576 reinstated broker's license shall expire on the next succeeding 577 November thirtieth. Any such reinstated real estate [salesperson's] 578 agent's license shall expire on the next succeeding May thirty-first.

579 (g) Following a denial of a license or license renewal application filed 580 under this section, the department shall send a notice to the applicant 581 who filed such application disclosing such denial and that such 582 applicant may request a hearing by submitting to the Commissioner of 583 Consumer Protection a written hearing request not later than thirty days 584 after the date such denial notice was sent to such applicant. If the 585 applicant requests a hearing during such thirty-day period, the 586 department shall send a notice to such applicant disclosing the grounds 587 for such denial and conduct a hearing concerning such denial in 588 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If the commissioner's 589 denial is sustained after such hearing, the applicant may file a new 590 application for such license or license renewal not sooner than one year after the date on which such denial was sustained. 591

592 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 20-319a of the general statutes is 593 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from* 594 *passage*):

(a) Each licensed real estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u> or associate broker
who transfers such real estate [salesperson's] <u>agent's</u> or associate
broker's affiliation with a broker or property owner shall register such
transfer with, and pay a registration fee of twenty-five dollars to, the
department.

600 Sec. 13. Section 20-324*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the 601 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

602 No leasing agent shall engage in the real estate business except for 603 leasing or renting real property that is exclusively used for residential 604 occupancy. Leasing agents shall not engage in any activity that requires 605 a real estate broker's or real estate [salesperson's] agent's license, 606 including, but not limited to, selling, offering, listing, negotiating, 607 referring or showing for sale, entering into lease-to-own agreements or 608 leasing commercial real estate. A leasing agent shall be employed by a 609 development owner. A leasing agent shall not offer leasing services for 610 any person that is not a development owner. No leasing agent shall

611 engage in the real estate business concerning any property other than 612 on behalf of the owner of record of a multiunit development that 613 employs such leasing agent. A leasing agent shall obtain a written 614 contract from the development owner to demonstrate such employment 615 prior to engaging in any leasing activity at such development. Such 616 contract shall be made available to the department, and produced by the 617 leasing agent in an electronic form, upon a request by the department 618 for such contract.

Sec. 14. Subsection (q) of section 20-325a of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

622 (q) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not 623 apply to any (1) person excepted from the provisions of this chapter by 624 section 20-329 with respect to any acts performed by the person which 625 are included in such exception; or (2) real estate broker or real estate 626 [salesperson] agent who has provided services to the federal 627 government, any political subdivision thereof, or any corporation, 628 institution or quasi-governmental agency chartered by the federal 629 government.

Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 20-325c of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) Any disclosure made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
shall be made to and acknowledged by the buyer prior to the time the
buyer signs a contract with the real estate licensee for mortgage
brokering services. Such disclosure shall include the following notice
printed in at least ten-point boldface capital letters:

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE REAL ESTATE BROKER OR
[SALESPERSON] <u>AGENT</u> IN THIS TRANSACTION HAS OFFERED
TO ASSIST ME IN FINDING A MORTGAGE LOAN. ADDITIONALLY,
I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS REAL ESTATE BROKER OR
[SALESPERSON] <u>AGENT</u> DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY

PARTICULAR MORTGAGE LENDER AND WILL ATTEMPT TO 643 644 OBTAIN THE BEST TERMS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE MORTGAGE 645 LOAN MARKET FOR MY SPECIFIC HOME FINANCING NEEDS. IF 646 THE REAL ESTATE BROKER OR [SALESPERSON] AGENT DOES NOT FULFILL [HIS] SUCH BROKER'S OR AGENT'S FIDUCIARY 647 648 OBLIGATION Ι MAY FILE А COMPLAINT WITH THE 649 DEPARTMENT OF BANKING. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY 650 ATTEMPT TO FIND A MORTGAGE LOAN TO FINANCE THE 651 PURCHASE OF MY HOME WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE 652 REAL ESTATE BROKER OR [SALESPERSON] AGENT IN WHICH 653 CASE I WILL NOT BE OBLIGATED TO PAY A FEE TO THE REAL 654 ESTATE BROKER OR [SALESPERSON] AGENT.

655 Sec. 16. Section 20-325*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the 656 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) An out-of-state broker may perform acts with respect to a
commercial real estate transaction that require a license under this
chapter, provided the out-of-state broker:

660 (1) Works in cooperation with a licensed broker, whether in a 661 cobrokerage, referral or other cooperative agreement or arrangement;

662 (2) Enters into a written agreement with a licensed broker that 663 includes the terms of cooperation and any compensation to be paid by 664 the licensed broker and a statement that the out-of-state broker and the 665 out-of-state broker's agents will comply with the laws of this state;

(3) Provides the licensed broker a copy of the out-of-state broker's
license or other proof of licensure from the states where the out-of-state
broker maintains a license as a real estate broker;

(4) Deposits all escrow funds, security deposits, and other money
received pursuant to the commercial real estate transaction to be held as
provided in section 20-324k unless the agreement required in
subdivision (2) of this subsection specifies otherwise;

673 (5) Complies with the laws of this state with respect to the transaction;674 and

675 (6) Is credentialled as a real estate broker in another state.

(b) An out-of-state [salesperson] <u>agent</u> may perform acts with respect
to a commercial real estate transaction that require a license as a real
estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u> under this chapter, provided the out-of-state
[salesperson] <u>agent</u> complies with the laws of this state with respect to
the transaction and:

(1) Works under the direct supervision of an out-of-state broker who
meets the requirements set forth in subdivisions (1), (5) and (6) of
subsection (a) of this section; and

(2) Provides the licensed broker who is working in cooperation with
the out-of-state broker a copy of the out-of-state [salesperson's] <u>agent's</u>
license or other proof of licensure from the states where the out-of-state
[salesperson] <u>agent</u> maintains a license as a real estate [salesperson]
<u>agent</u>.

(c) Any out-of-state broker or out-of-state [salesperson] <u>agent</u>
licensed in a state that has no distinction between a real estate broker
license and a real estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u> license shall be subject to the
requirements of subsection (a) of this section with regard to any
commercial real estate transaction in this state.

694 (d) Each out-of-state broker or out-of-state [salesperson] <u>agent</u> that 695 advertises for sale commercial real estate pursuant to this section shall 696 include in any advertising material the name of the licensed broker with 697 whom the out-of-state broker has a written agreement pursuant to 698 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section. Nothing in this section 699 shall permit an out-of-state broker or out-of-state [salesperson] agent to 700 accompany a prospective buyer at the site of commercial real estate 701 pursuant to a real estate transaction in this state.

(e) An out-of-state real estate licensee may receive compensation for

referring to a real estate licensee in this state a prospective party to a realestate transaction in this state.

Sec. 17. Section 20-327b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

707 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each person who 708 offers residential property in the state for sale, exchange or for lease with 709 option to buy, shall provide a written residential condition report or 710 reports to the prospective purchaser at any time prior to the prospective 711 purchaser's execution of any binder, contract to purchase, option or 712 lease containing a purchase option. A photocopy, duplicate original, facsimile transmission or other exact reproduction or duplicate of the 713 714 written residential condition report or reports containing the 715 prospective purchaser's written receipt shall be attached to any written 716 offer, binder or contract to purchase. A photocopy, duplicate original, 717 facsimile transmission or other exact reproduction or duplicate of the 718 written residential condition report or reports containing the signatures 719 of both seller and purchaser shall be attached to any agreement to 720 purchase the property.

721 (b) The following shall be exempt from the provisions of this section: 722 (1) Any transfer from one or more co-owners solely to one or more of 723 the co-owners; (2) transfers made to the spouse, mother, father, brother, 724 sister, child, grandparent or grandchild of the transferor where no 725 consideration is paid; (3) transfers of newly-constructed residential real 726 property for which an implied warranty is provided under chapter 827; 727 (4) transfers made by executors, administrators, trustees or 728 conservators; (5) transfers by the federal government, any political 729 subdivision thereof or any corporation, institution or quasi-730 governmental agency chartered by the federal government; (6) transfers 731 by this state; (7) except as provided in subsections (g) and (h) of this 732 section, transfers by any political subdivision of this state; (8) transfers 733 of property which was the subject of a contract or option entered into 734 prior to January 1, 1996; and (9) except as provided in subsections (g) 735 and (h) of this section, any transfer of property acquired by a judgment of strict foreclosure or by foreclosure by sale or by a deed in lieu offoreclosure.

(c) The provisions of this section shall apply only to transfers by sale,
exchange or lease with option to buy, of residential real property
consisting of not less than one nor more than four dwelling units which
shall include cooperatives and condominiums, and shall apply to all
transfers, with or without the assistance of a licensed real estate broker
or [salesperson] agent, as defined in section 20-311, as amended by this
act.

745 (d) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall, within available 746 appropriations, prescribe the written residential condition reports 747 required by this section and sections 20-327c to 20-327e, inclusive. The 748 written residential condition reports shall be based upon templates that 749 the commissioner shall prescribe. Such templates shall: Fit on pages 750 being not more than eight and one-half inches in height and eleven 751 inches in width, with type size no smaller than nine-point type, other 752 than checkboxes or section headers, which may be in a smaller size; 753 include the address of the subject property on each page; include page 754 numbers on each page; include section headings in bold type and 755 include space for the buyer and the seller's initials on each page, except 756 the signature page. Each written residential condition report, other than 757 the written residential condition report required pursuant to 758 subsections (g) and (h) of this section, shall contain the following, in the 759 order indicated:

760 (1) A section entitled "Instructions to Sellers"

761 You MUST answer ALL questions to the best of your knowledge.

762 Identify/Disclose any problems regarding the subject property.

763 YOUR REAL ESTATE LICENSEE CANNOT COMPLETE THIS764 FORM ON YOUR BEHALF.

765 UNK means Unknown, N/A means Not Applicable.

766 If you need additional space to complete any answer or explanation, 767 attach additional page(s) to this form. Include subject property address, 768 seller's name and the date. 769 (2) Pursuant to the Uniform Property Condition Disclosure Act, the 770 seller is obligated to answer the following questions and to disclose 771 herein any knowledge of any problem regarding the following: 772 (A) A subsection entitled "Subject Property" 773 (i) Name of seller(s) 774 (ii) Street address, municipality, zip code 775 (B) A subsection entitled "General Information" 776 (i) Indicate the YEAR the structure was built: 777 (ii) Indicate HOW LONG you have occupied the property: If not 778 applicable, indicate with N/A. 779 (iii) Does anyone else claim to own any part of your property, 780 including, but not limited to, any encroachment(s)? If YES, explain: 781 (iv) Does anyone other than you have or claim to have any right to 782 use any part of your property, including, but not limited to, any 783 easement or right-of-way? If YES, explain: 784 (v) Is the property in a flood hazard area or an inland wetlands area? 785 If YES, explain: 786 (vi) Are you aware of the presence of a dam on the property that has 787 been or is required to be registered with the Department of Energy and 788 Environmental Protection? If YES, explain: 789 (vii) Do you have any reason to believe that the municipality in which 790 the subject property is located may impose any assessment for purposes such as sewer installation, sewer improvements, water main 791 792 installation, water main improvements, sidewalks or other

793 improvements? If YES, explain:

(viii) Is the property located in a municipally designated village
district, municipally designated historic district or listed on the National
Register of Historic Places? If YES, explain:

(ix) Special Statement: Information concerning village districts and
historic districts may be obtained from the municipality's village or
historic district commission, if applicable.

800 (x) Is the property located in a special tax district? If YES, explain:

801 (xi) Is the property subject to any type of land use restrictions, other 802 than those contained within the property's chain of title or that are 803 necessary to comply with state laws or municipal zoning? If YES, 804 explain:

(xii) Is the property located in a common interest community? If YES,
is it subject to any community or association dues or fees? Please
explain:

808 (xiii) Do you have any knowledge of prior or pending litigation, 809 government agency or administrative actions, orders or liens on the 810 property related to the release of any hazardous substance? If YES, 811 explain:

812 (C) A subsection entitled "Leased Equipment"

813 Does the property include any Leased or Rented Equipment that 814 would necessitate or obligate either of the following: The assignment or 815 transfer of the lease or rental agreement(s) to the buyer or the 816 replacement or substitution of the equipment by the buyer? If YES, 817 indicate by checking ALL items that apply: PROPANE FUEL TANK; 818 WATER HEATER; SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM; FIRE ALARM 819 SYSTEM; SATELLITE DISH ANTENNA; WATER TREATMENT 820 SYSTEM; SOLAR DEVICES; MAJOR APPLIANCES; OTHER

821 (D) A subsection entitled "Mechanical/Utility Systems"

- 822 (i) Heating system problems? If YES, explain. List Fuel Types.
- 823 (ii) Hot water heater Type: Age: Hot water problems? If YES, explain:
- (iii) Is there an underground storage tank? If YES, give AGE of tankand LOCATION.
- 826 (iv) Are you aware of any problems with the underground storage827 tank? If YES, explain:
- (v) During the time you have owned the property, has there ever been an underground storage tank located on the property? If YES, has it been removed? If YES, what was the date of removal and what was the name and address of the person or business who removed such underground storage tank? Provide any and all written documentation of such removal within your control or possession by attaching a copy of such documentation to this form.
- (vi) Air conditioning problems? If YES, explain: Air conditioningType: Central; Window; Other
- 837 (vii) Plumbing system problems? If YES, explain:
- 838 (viii) Electrical System problems? If YES, explain:
- 839 (ix) Electronic security system problems? If YES, explain:
- (x) Are there carbon monoxide or smoke detectors located in a
 dwelling on the property? If YES, state the NUMBER of such detectors
 and whether there have been problems with such detectors;
- 843 (xi) Fire sprinkler system problems? If YES, explain:
- 844 (E) A subsection entitled "Water System"
- (i) Domestic Water System Type: Public; Private Well; Other
- 846 (ii) If Public Water:
- 847 (I) Is there a separate expense/fee for water usage? If YES, is the

848 849	expense/fee for water usage flat or metered? Give the AMOUNT and explain:
850 851	(II) Are there any UNPAID water charges? If YES, state the amount unpaid:
852	(iii) If Private Well:
853 854	Has the well water been tested for contaminants/volatile organic compounds? If YES, attach a copy of the report.
855 856 857	(iv) If Public Water or Private Well: Are you aware of any problems with the well, or with the water quality, quantity, recovery, or pressure? If YES, explain:
858	(F) A subsection entitled "Sewage Disposal System"
859	(i) Sewage Disposal System Type: Public; Septic; Cesspool; Other
860	(ii) If Public Sewer:
861 862	(I) Is there a separate charge made for sewer use? If YES, is it Flat or Metered?
863	(II) If it is a Flat amount, state amount and due dates:
864 865	(III) Are there any UNPAID sewer charges? If any unpaid sewer charges, state the amount:
866	(iii) If Private:
867	(I) Name of service company
868	(II) Date last pumped: AND frequency:
869	(III) For any sewage system, are there problems? If YES, explain:
870	(G) A subsection entitled "Asbestos/Lead"
871	(i) Are asbestos containing insulation or building materials present?

872	If YES, location:
873	(ii) Is lead paint present? If YES, location:
874	(iii) Is lead plumbing present? If YES, location:
875	(H) A subsection entitled "Building/Structure/Improvements"
876	(i) Is the foundation made of concrete? If NO, explain:
877	(ii) Foundation/Slab problems or settling? If YES, explain:
878 879	(iii) Basement Water Seepage/Dampness? If YES, explain Amount, Frequency and Location:
880	(iv) Sump pump problems? If YES, explain:
881 882 883 884 885	(v) Do you have any knowledge of any testing or inspection done by a licensed professional related to a foundation on the property? If YES, disclose the testing or inspection method, the areas or locations that were tested or inspected, the results of such testing or inspection and attach a copy of the report concerning such testing or inspection.
886 887 888	(vi) Do you have any knowledge of any repairs related to a foundation on the property? If YES, describe such repairs, disclose the areas repaired and attach a copy of the report concerning such repairs.
889 890	(vii) Do you have any knowledge related to the presence of pyrrhotite in a foundation on the property? If YES, explain:
891	(viii) Roof type; Age?
892	(ix) Roof leaks? If YES, explain:
893	(x) Exterior siding problems? If YES, explain:
894 895	(xi) Chimney, Fireplace, Wood or Coal Stove problems? If YES, explain:
896	(xii) Patio/deck problems? If YES, explain:

897	(xiii) If constructed of Wood, is the Wood Treated or Untreated?
898	(xiv) Driveway problems? If YES, explain:
899	(xv) Water drainage problems? If YES, explain:
900	(xvi) Interior Floor, Wall and/or Ceiling problems? If YES, explain:
901	(xvii) Fire and/or Smoke damage? If YES, explain:
902 903	(xviii) Termite, Insect, Rodent or Pest Infestation problems? If YES, explain:
904	(xix) Rot or Water damage problems? If YES, explain:
905	(xx) Is house insulated? If YES, Type: Location:
906 907	(xxi) Has a test for Radon been performed? If YES, attach a copy of the report.
908	(xxii) Is there a Radon Control System in place? If YES, explain:
909 910	(xxiii) Has a Radon control system been in place in the previous 12 months? If YES, explain:
911 912	(I) The Seller should attach additional pages to further explain any item(s) above. Indicate here the number of additional pages attached:
913 914 915	(J) Questions contained in subparagraphs (A) to (I), inclusive, of this subdivision shall contain checkboxes indicating "yes", "no", "not applicable" or "unknown".
916 917 918	(3) The written residential condition report shall contain the following immediately below the questions contained in subparagraphs (A) to (I), inclusive, of subdivision (2) of this subsection:
919	A certification by the seller in the following form:
920	SELLER'S CERTIFICATION

"To the extent of the seller's knowledge as a property owner, the seller
acknowledges that the information contained above is true and accurate
for those areas of the property listed. In the event a real estate broker or
[salesperson] <u>agent</u> is utilized, the seller authorizes the brokers or
[salespersons] <u>agents</u> to provide the above information to prospective
buyers, selling agents or buyers' agents.

927 (4) The written residential condition report shall contain the928 following in a separate section immediately below the seller's929 certification:

- 930 IMPORTANT INFORMATION
- 931 (A) RESPONSIBILITIES OF REAL ESTATE BROKERS

This report in no way relieves a real estate broker of the broker's obligation under the provisions of section 20-328-5a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to disclose any material facts. Failure to do so could result in punitive action taken against the broker, such as fines, suspension or revocation of license.

937 (B) STATEMENTS NOT TO CONSTITUTE A WARRANTY

Any representations made by the seller on the written residentialcondition report shall not constitute a warranty to the buyer.

940 (C) NATURE OF REPORT

This Residential Property Condition Report is not a substitute forinspections, tests and other methods of determining the physicalcondition of property.

944 (D) INFORMATION ON THE RESIDENCE OF CONVICTED 945 FELONS 946 Information concerning the residence address of a person convicted947 of a crime may be available from law enforcement agencies or the948 Department of Public Safety.

949 (E) BUILDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

Prospective buyers should consult with the municipal building official in the municipality in which the property is located to confirm that building permits and certificates of occupancy have been issued for work on the property.

954 (F) HOME INSPECTION

955 Buyers should have the property inspected by a licensed home 956 inspector.

957 (G) CONCRETE FOUNDATION

Prospective buyers may have a concrete foundation inspected by a
licensed professional engineer who is a structural engineer for
deterioration of the foundation due to the presence of pyrrhotite.

961 (H) DAM

962 Information concerning the registration and categorization of a dam963 on the property may be obtained from the Department of Energy and964 Environmental Protection.

(5) The written residential condition report shall contain the
following immediately below the statements contained in
subparagraphs (A) to (H), inclusive, of subdivision (4) of this subsection:

968 A certification by the buyer in the following form:

969 BUYER'S CERTIFICATION

970 "The buyer is urged to carefully inspect the property and, if desired,
971 to have the property inspected by an expert. The buyer understands that
972 there are areas of the property for which the seller has no knowledge

973 and that this report does not encompass those areas. The buyer also 974 acknowledges that the buyer has read and received a signed copy of this 975 report from the seller or seller's agent.

T4 (Date)

976 (e) On or after January 1, 1996, the Commissioner of Consumer 977 Protection shall make available the written residential condition reports 978 prescribed in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 979 20-327c to 20-327e, inclusive, to the Division of Real Estate, all municipal 980 town clerks, the Connecticut Association of Realtors, Inc., and any other 981 person or institution that the commissioner believes would aid in the 982 dissemination and distribution of such forms. The commissioner shall 983 also cause information concerning such forms and the completion of 984 such forms to be disseminated in a manner best calculated, in the 985 commissioner's judgment, to reach members of the public, attorneys 986 and real estate licensees.

987 (f) Any written residential condition report prescribed in accordance 988 with the provisions of this section and sections 20-327c to 20-327e, 989 inclusive, shall take effect for new listings thirty days following posting 990 of the notice regarding such report on the Department of Consumer 991 Protection's Internet web site.

992 (g) In any transfer of residential real property that is located in a 993 municipality that the Capitol Region Council of Governments 994 determines is affected, or potentially affected, by crumbling foundations 995 and was acquired by a political subdivision of this state or was acquired by a judgment of strict foreclosure or by foreclosure by sale or by a deed 996 997 in lieu of foreclosure, the owner or political subdivision shall, through a 998 written residential condition report described in subsection (h) of this 999 section, disclose to the prospective purchaser of such real property, at 1000 any time prior to the prospective purchaser's execution of any binder, 1001 contract to purchase, option or lease containing a purchase option, any 1002 facts that are within such owner's or political subdivision's actual 1003 knowledge concerning:

1004 (1) The presence of pyrrhotite in any concrete foundation on such1005 property;

(2) Any damage or deterioration in any concrete foundation on such
property, including, but not limited to, any damage or deterioration
caused by the presence of pyrrhotite in any foundation on such
property; and

1010 (3) Any repairs or remediation to any concrete foundation on such1011 property.

1012 (h) In any transfer of residential real property that is located in a 1013 municipality that the Capitol Region Council of Governments 1014 determines is affected, or potentially affected, by crumbling foundations 1015 and was acquired by a political subdivision of this state or was acquired 1016 by a judgment of strict foreclosure or by foreclosure by sale or by a deed 1017 in lieu of foreclosure, the owner or political subdivision shall satisfy the 1018 provisions of subsection (g) of this section through a written residential 1019 condition report prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer 1020 Protection pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, which report shall 1021 be entitled "Residential Foundation Condition Report" and exclusively 1022 contain the following in the following order:

1023 (1) A section entitled "Instructions to Sellers"

You MUST answer ALL questions based on your knowledge. You are
not required to undertake investigations or inspections of the
foundation to verify your answers.

1027 YOUR REAL ESTATE LICENSEE CANNOT COMPLETE THIS1028 FORM ON YOUR BEHALF.

1029 UNK means Unknown, N/A means Not Applicable.

1030 If you need additional space to complete any answer or explanation,1031 attach additional page(s) to this form. Include subject property address,

1032 seller's name and the date.

1033 (2) Pursuant to the Uniform Property Condition Disclosure Act, the 1034 seller is obligated to answer the following questions and to disclose 1035 herein any knowledge of any problem regarding the following: 1036 (A) A subsection entitled "Subject Property" 1037 (i) Name of seller(s) 1038 (ii) Street address, municipality, zip code 1039 (B) A subsection entitled "Information About the Foundation" 1040 (i) Do you have any knowledge related to the presence of pyrrhotite 1041 in any concrete foundation on the subject property? If YES, explain: 1042 (ii) Are you aware of any damage or deterioration in any concrete 1043 foundation on the subject property, including, but not limited to, any 1044 damage or deterioration caused by the presence of pyrrhotite in any 1045 concrete foundation on the property? If YES, explain: 1046 (iii) Are you aware of any repairs or remediation to any concrete 1047 foundation on the subject property? If YES, explain: 1048 (3) In a separate section immediately below the questions contained 1049 in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the following information in the 1050 following form: 1051 IMPORTANT INFORMATION 1052 (A) RESPONSIBILITIES OF REAL ESTATE BROKERS 1053 This report in no way relieves a real estate broker of the broker's 1054 obligation under the provisions of section 20-328-5a of the Regulations 1055 of Connecticut State Agencies to disclose any material facts. Failure to 1056 do so could result in punitive action taken against the broker, such as

1057 fines, suspension or revocation of license.

1058 (B) STATEMENTS NOT TO CONSTITUTE A WARRANTY

1059 Any representations made by the seller in this residential foundation 1060 condition report shall not constitute a warranty to the buyer.

1061 (C) NATURE OF REPORT

1062 This report is not a substitute for inspections, tests and other methods 1063 of determining the physical condition of the foundation. Prospective 1064 buyers may have a concrete foundation inspected by a licensed 1065 professional engineer for deterioration of the foundation due to the 1066 presence of pyrrhotite.

(4) Immediately following the information contained in subdivision(3) of this subsection, a certification by the buyer in the following form:

1069 BUYER'S CERTIFICATION

1070 "The buyer is urged to carefully inspect the foundation and, if 1071 desired, to have the foundation inspected by an expert. The buyer 1072 understands that there are parts of the property, including the 1073 foundation, for which the seller has no knowledge and that this report 1074 does not encompass those parts. The buyer also acknowledges that the 1075 buyer has read and reviewed a signed copy of this report from the seller 1076 or the seller's agent.

T5	(Date)	(Buyer)
T6	(Date)	(Buyer)"

1077 (5) Immediately below the buyer's certification, a certification by the1078 seller in the following form:

1079 SELLER'S CERTIFICATION

1080 "To the extent of the seller's knowledge as an owner of a property 1081 acquired through foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure, the seller 1082 acknowledges that the information contained above is true and 1083 accurate. In the event a real estate broker or [salesperson] <u>agent</u> is utilized, the seller authorizes the broker or [salesperson] <u>agent</u> to
provide the above information to prospective buyers, selling agents or
buyers' agents.

 T7
 (Date)
 (Seller)

 T8
 (Date)
 (Seller)"

1087 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 20-327i of the general statutes is 1088 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from* 1089 *passage*):

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, if a real estate licensee engages in the real estate business and acts as an interpreter for a buyer or renter in conducting a transaction or negotiations, the real estate licensee shall provide to the buyer or renter, and obtain the buyer's or renter's signature on, a form containing the following language written in the buyer's or renter's native language:

"This real estate transaction or these negotiations were conducted in
(buyer's or renter's native language), which is my native language. I
voluntarily choose to have the Real Estate [(Broker/Salesperson)]
(Broker/Agent) act as my interpreter during the negotiations. The
obligations of the contract or other written agreement were explained to
me in my native language. I understand the contract or other written
agreement."

1103 Sec. 19. Section 20-329a of the general statutes is repealed and the 1104 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1105 As used in this section and sections 20-329b to 20-329n, inclusive:

(1) "Disposition" or "dispose of" means any sale, exchange, lease,
assignment, award by lottery or other transaction designed to convey
an interest in a subdivision or parcel, lot, or unit in a subdivision when
undertaken for gain or profit;

1110 (2) "Offer" means every inducement, solicitation or attempt to bring

1111 about a disposition;

(3) "Person" means an individual, firm, company, association,
corporation, limited liability company, government or governmental
subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership,
unincorporated association or organization, two or more of any of the
foregoing having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or
commercial entity;

(4) "Broker" means a resident real estate broker duly licensed underthis chapter;

(5) ["Salesperson"] <u>"Agent"</u> means any person duly licensed as a real
estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u> under this chapter;

(6) "Purchaser" means a person who acquires an interest in any lot,parcel or unit in a subdivision; and

1124 (7) "Subdivision" means any improved or unimproved land or tract 1125 of land located outside this state which is divided or proposed to be 1126 divided into five or more lots, parcels, units, or interests for the purpose 1127 of disposition, at any time as part of a common promotional plan. Any 1128 land which is under common ownership or which is controlled by a 1129 single developer or a group of developers acting in concert, is 1130 contiguous in area, and is designated or advertised as a common unit or 1131 known by a common name, shall be presumed, without regard to the 1132 number of lots, parcels, units or interests covered by each individual 1133 offering, to be part of a common promotional plan.

1134 Sec. 20. Subsection (g) of section 20-329hh of the general statutes is 1135 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from* 1136 *passage*):

(g) No real estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u> or team member shall engage
in the real estate business while the supervising licensee that is
responsible for controlling and supervising such [salesperson] <u>agent</u> or
team is deceased or incapacitated unless a custodial broker has been

1141 appointed for such supervising licensee.

1142 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 20-417j of the general statutes is 1143 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from* 1144 *passage*):

1145 (a) Sections 20-417a to 20-417i, inclusive, do not apply to any of the 1146 following persons or organizations: (1) Any person holding a current 1147 license as a real estate broker or [salesperson] agent issued pursuant to 1148 chapter 392, provided such person engages only in work for which such 1149 person is licensed under chapter 392; (2) any person licensed or 1150 otherwise authorized under chapter 412 to sell or place a mobile 1151 manufactured home, as defined in section 21-64, upon a mobile 1152 manufactured home park or mobile manufactured space or lot, both as 1153 defined in section 21-64, provided such person engages only in work for 1154 which such person is licensed or otherwise authorized under chapter 1155 412; (3) any other person holding a professional or occupational license, 1156 registration or certificate issued pursuant to the general statutes, 1157 provided such person engages only in the work for which such person 1158 is licensed, registered or certified; and (4) any new home construction 1159 contractor who enters into one or more new home construction 1160 contracts related to the same new home when such contract or contracts 1161 in the aggregate with respect to that home has a total price for work or 1162 services that is less than three thousand five hundred dollars.

1163 Sec. 22. Section 20-526 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1164 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1165 The provisions of sections 20-500 to 20-528, inclusive, concerning the 1166 certification or provisional licensing of real estate appraisers shall not 1167 apply to (1) any person under contract with a municipality who 1168 performs a revaluation of real estate for assessment purposes pursuant 1169 to section 12-62, and (2) any licensed real estate broker or real estate 1170 [salesperson] agent who estimates the value of real estate as part of a 1171 market analysis performed for the owner of the real estate or a designee 1172 of the owner, on such terms as may be agreed upon between such owner

1173 or the owner's designee and the real estate broker or real estate 1174 [salesperson] agent, for the purpose of (A) a prospective listing or sale 1175 of such real estate, (B) providing information to the seller or landlord 1176 under a listing agreement, or (C) providing information to a prospective 1177 buyer or tenant under a buyer or tenant agency agreement, provided 1178 such estimate of value shall not be referred to or be construed as an 1179 appraisal. If such owner executes a listing contract with the real estate 1180 broker or real estate [salesperson] agent who so estimated the value of 1181 the real estate for the sale of the real estate and such real estate contains 1182 any building or other structure, occupied or intended to be occupied by 1183 no more than four families, then such owner shall be credited against 1184 any compensation the owner pays on account of such listing contract for 1185 any fee paid by the owner for such estimate of value.

1186 Sec. 23. Subparagraph (K) of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of 1187 section 31-222 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is 1188 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(K) Service performed by an individual as an insurance agent, other
than an industrial life insurance agent, and service performed by an
individual as a real estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u>, if all such service is
performed for remuneration solely by way of commission;

1193 Sec. 24. Subsection (c) of section 42-103gg of the general statutes is 1194 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from* 1195 *passage*):

1196 (c) Any sales agent who offers a time share interest created under this 1197 section shall be licensed as a real estate broker or real estate [salesperson] agent as set forth in section 20-312, as amended by this act, 1198 1199 unless exempt from licensure under chapter 392. The following need not 1200 be licensed pursuant to section 20-312, as amended by this act: (1) An 1201 exchange company that is exchanging time share periods, or (2) a person 1202 who only distributes literature pertaining to a time share or advertises a 1203 time share, provided a sales agent or a real estate broker or real estate 1204 [salesperson] agent licensed under section 20-312, as amended by this 1205 <u>act</u>, transacts the sale of such time share interest.

Sec. 25. Subsection (d) of section 42-484 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(d) Nothing in sections 42-482 and 42-483 and this section shall be
construed to apply to any person who holds a real estate [salesperson's]
<u>agent's</u> license and who has a claim for payment of a real estate
commission or compensation against the real estate broker with whom
such real estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u> is affiliated.

1214 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) of section 47-17a of the general statutes is 1215 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from* 1216 *passage*):

1217 (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability
company, partnership, association, trustee or other entity capable of
holding an interest in real property or any combination thereof.

(2) (A) "Private transfer fee" means a fee or charge payable (i) upon
the conveyance and subsequent conveyance of an interest in real
property located in this state, or (ii) for the right to make or accept such
conveyance;

1225 (B) "Private transfer fee" does not include:

1226 (i) Any consideration payable by a grantee to a grantor for the 1227 conveyance of an interest in real property located in this state, including 1228 any subsequent consideration payable by such grantee for such real 1229 property based on subsequent appreciation, development or sale of 1230 such real property, provided such subsequent consideration is payable 1231 on a one-time basis and the obligation to pay such consideration does 1232 not bind successors in title to such real property. For purposes of this subparagraph, "real property" includes a mineral estate, as defined in 1233 1234 section 47-33o;

(ii) Any commission payable to a real estate broker or a real estate
[salesperson] <u>agent</u> for the sale of real property located in this state
pursuant to a contract or agreement between such broker or
[salesperson] <u>agent</u> and a grantee or grantor, including any subsequent
commission payable by such grantee or grantor for such real property
based on subsequent appreciation, development or sale of such real
property;

1242 (iii) Any interest, fee, charge or other amount payable by a borrower 1243 to a lender pursuant to a loan secured by a mortgage against real 1244 property located in this state, including any fee payable to such lender 1245 for consenting to an assumption of such loan or conveyance of such real 1246 property subject to such mortgage, any fee or charge payable to such 1247 lender for an estoppel letter or certificate issued by such lender, and any 1248 shared appreciation interest, profit participation or other consideration 1249 payable to the lender in connection with such loan;

(iv) Any rent, reimbursement, fee, charge or other amount payable
by a lessee to a lessor, including any fee or charge payable to such lessor
for consenting to an assignment, sublease or encumbrance of a rental
agreement or lease;

(v) Any consideration payable to the holder of an option to purchase
an interest in real property or the holder of a right of first refusal or first
offer to purchase an interest in real property located in this state, for
such holder's waiver, release or nonexercise of such option or right;

(vi) Any tax, assessment, fine, fee, charge or other amount payable toor imposed by a governmental entity;

(vii) Any dues, assessment, fine, contribution, fee, charge or other
amount payable to an association or a unit owners' association of a
common interest community as defined by chapter 828, pursuant to any
declaration, covenant, law, association bylaw, association rule or
association regulation, including a fee or charge payable to such
association for an estoppel letter or certificate issued by such association
or its authorized agent;

1267 (viii) Any dues, assessment, fine, contribution, fee, charge or other 1268 amount imposed by a declaration or covenant encumbering a 1269 municipality or a county or any combination thereof or a neighborhood 1270 or other area, irrespective of boundaries or political subdivision, in this 1271 state, and payable solely to an organization that is tax exempt pursuant 1272 to 26 USC 501(c) for the purpose of supporting cultural, educational, 1273 charitable, recreational, environmental, conservation or other similar 1274 activities that benefit such municipality, county, neighborhood or other 1275 area: or

(ix) Any dues, assessment, contribution, fee, charge or other amount
payable for the purchase or transfer of a club membership related to real
property located in this state.

(3) "Private transfer fee obligation" means an obligation arising under
a declaration or a covenant recorded against the title to real property
located in this state or under any contractual agreement or promise,
whether or not recorded, that requires or purports to require the
payment of a private transfer fee upon a conveyance or a subsequent
conveyance of an interest in such real property.

1285 Sec. 27. Section 47-100 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1286 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1287 The sale of real estate syndicate securities shall not be an act requiring 1288 licensure as a real estate [salesperson] <u>agent</u> or broker as defined in 1289 section 20-311<u>, as amended by this act</u>.

Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 49-7f of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) No mortgage broker or lender, as defined in subdivision (5) of
section 49-31d, or any person affiliated with such mortgage broker or
lender shall receive a fee, commission or other form of referral fee for
the referral of any person to (1) a real estate broker, real estate
[salesperson] agent, as defined in section 20-311, as amended by this act,

or any person affiliated with such broker or [salesperson] <u>agent</u> or any person engaged in the real estate business, as defined in [said] section 20-311, <u>as amended by this act</u>, or (2) an attorney-at-law admitted to

1301 practice within this state or any person affiliated with such attorney.

Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 51-87b of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1305 (a) No attorney-at-law admitted to practice within this state or any 1306 person affiliated with such attorney may receive a fee, commission or 1307 other form of referral fee for the referral of any person to (1) a real estate 1308 broker or real estate [salesperson] agent, as defined in section 20-311, as 1309 amended by this act, or any person affiliated with such broker or 1310 [salesperson] agent or any person engaged in the real estate business, as 1311 defined in [said] section 20-311, as amended by this act, or (2) any 1312 mortgage broker or mortgage lender, as defined in subdivision (5) of 1313 section 49-31d, or any person affiliated with such mortgage broker or 1314 lender.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	20-319
Sec. 3	from passage	New section
Sec. 4	from passage	8-169aa(a)(2)
Sec. 5	from passage	10a-123(b)
Sec. 6	from passage	20-311
Sec. 7	from passage	20-311a(b)
Sec. 8	from passage	20-312(e)
Sec. 9	from passage	20-312a
Sec. 10	from passage	20-312c(b)
Sec. 11	from passage	20-314
Sec. 12	from passage	20-319a(a)
Sec. 13	from passage	20-3241
Sec. 14	from passage	20-325a(q)
Sec. 15	from passage	20-325c(b)

Sec. 16	from passage	20-3251
Sec. 17	from passage	20-327b
Sec. 18	from passage	20-327i(b)
Sec. 19	from passage	20-329a
Sec. 20	from passage	20-329hh(g)
Sec. 21	from passage	20-417j(a)
Sec. 22	from passage	20-526
Sec. 23	from passage	31-222(a)(5)(K)
Sec. 24	from passage	42-103gg(c)
Sec. 25	from passage	42-484(d)
Sec. 26	from passage	47-17a(a)
Sec. 27	from passage	47-100
Sec. 28	from passage	49-7f(a)
Sec. 29	from passage	51-87b(a)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Throughout Section 1, "the property" was changed to "the real property" and "the property owner" was changed to "the owner of real property" for consistency, in Section 1(c)(10), "the property owner's" was changed to "the owner of real property's" for consistency, and the title was changed.

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