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House Bill 4717 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Kristan C. Grant House Committee: Regulatory Reform Senate Committee: Regulatory Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Occupational Code to modify continuing education (CE) requirements of a real estate broker, associate real estate broker, or real estate salesperson (licensee). It would require a licensee to complete at least one hour of a course concerning compliance with local, State, or Federal fair housing law. It also would delete a provision requiring the completion of additional CE hours if a licensee failed to complete sufficient hours for over 60 days.

Article 25 of the Code requires a licensee to complete a certain number of hours of eligible CE courses in each licensing cycle as determined by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). (Administrative Rule 339.22629 specifies that a licensee must complete 18 CE hours in each three-year license cycle with at least two hours of courses each year in the cycle on legal education.)

MCL 339.2504a

BRIEF RATIONALE

According to testimony before the Senate Committee on Regulatory Affairs, realtors and brokers are required to undergo initial training for fair housing law for licensure. It has been suggested that these individuals have ongoing education on fair housing law to ensure that their client's rights are protected and to support fairness and equality within the industry.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State or local government.

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