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11104907D HOUSE BILL NO. 1674 1 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE 3 (Proposed by the House Committee on General Laws 4 5 6 on February 3, 2011) (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Pogge) A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-2346, 54.1-2347, 54.1-2349, 54.1-2353, 55-79.74:1, 55-79.97. 7 55-79.97:1, 55-509, 55-509.3, 55-509.6, and 55-509.7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to common 8 interest communities. 9 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: That §§ 54.1-2346, 54.1-2347, 54.1-2349, 54.1-2353, 55-79.74:1, 55-79.97, 55-79.97:1, 55-509, 10 1. 55-509.3, 55-509.6, and 55-509.7 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows: 11 § 54.1-2346. License required; certification of employees; renewal; provisional license. 12 A. Unless exempted by § 54.1-2347, any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity offering 13 management services to a common interest community on or after January 1, 2009, shall hold a valid 14 license issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter prior to engaging in such management 15 16 services. 17 B. Unless exempted by § 54.1-2347, any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity offering 18 management services to a common interest community without being licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, shall be subject to the provisions of § 54.1-111. 19 20 C. On or after July 1, 2011 2012, it shall be a condition of the issuance or renewal of the license of 21 a common interest community manager that all employees of the common interest community manager 22 who have principal responsibility for management services provided to a common interest community or 23 who have supervisory responsibility for employees who participate directly in the provision of management services to a common interest community shall, within two years after employment with 24 25 the common interest community manager, hold a certificate issued by the Board certifying the person possesses the character and minimum skills to engage properly in the provision of management services 26 27 to a common interest community or shall be under the direct supervision of a certified employee of such 28 common interest community manager. A common interest community manager shall notify the Board if 29 a certificated employee is discharged or in any way terminates his active status with the common 30 interest community manager. 31 D. It shall be a condition of the issuance or renewal of the license of a common interest community 32 manager that the common interest community manager shall obtain and maintain a blanket fidelity bond or employee dishonesty insurance policy insuring the common interest community manager against losses resulting from theft or dishonesty committed by the officers, directors, and persons employed by 33 34 35 the common interest community manager. Such bond or insurance policy shall include coverage for 36 losses of clients of the common interest community manager resulting from theft or dishonesty committed by the officers, directors, and persons employed by the common interest community manager. 37 38 Such bond or insurance policy shall provide coverage in an amount equal to the lesser of \$2 million or 39 the highest aggregate amount of the operating and reserve balances of all associations under the control 40 of the common interest community manager during the prior fiscal year. The minimum coverage amount 41 shall be \$10,000. 42 E. It shall be a condition of the issuance or renewal of the license of a common interest community 43 manager that the common interest community manager certifies to the Board (i) that the common interest community manager is in good standing and authorized to transact business in Virginia; (ii) that 44 the common interest community manager has established a code of conduct for the officers, directors, 45 and persons employed by the common interest community manager to protect against conflicts of 46 47 interest; (iii) that the common interest community manager provides all management services pursuant to written contracts with the associations to which such services are provided; (iv) that the common interest **48** 49 community manager has established a system of internal accounting controls to manage the risk of fraud 50 or illegal acts; and (v) that an independent certified public accountant reviews or audits the financial 51 statements of the common interest community manager at least annually in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or by any successor 52 53 standard-setting authorities. 54 F. The Board shall issue a provisional license to any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity 55 offering management services to a common interest community on or before December 31, 2008, who makes application for licensure prior to January 1, 2009. Such provisional license will shall expire on 56 June 30, 2011 2012, and may shall not be renewed. This subsection shall not be construed to limit the 57

58 powers and authority of the Board.

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59 § 54.1-2347. Exceptions and exemptions generally.

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60 A. The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to prevent or prohibit:

61 1. An employee of a duly licensed common interest community manager from providing management 62 services within the scope of the employee's employment by the duly licensed common interest 63 community manager;

64 2. An employee of an association from providing management services for that association's common 65 interest community:

66 3. A resident of a common interest community acting without compensation from providing 67 management services for that common interest community;

68 4. A resident of a common interest community from providing bookkeeping, billing, or record keeping recordkeeping services for that common interest community for compensation, provided the 69 70 blanket fidelity bond or employee dishonesty insurance policy maintained by the association insures the 71 association against losses resulting from theft or dishonesty committed by such person;

72 5. A member of the governing board of an association acting without compensation from providing management services for that association's common interest community; 73

74 6. A person acting as a receiver or trustee in bankruptcy in the performance of his duties as such or 75 any person acting under order of any court from providing management services for a common interest 76 community;

77 7. A duly licensed attorney-at-law from representing an association or a common interest community 78 manager in any business that constitutes the practice of law;

79 8. A duly licensed certified public accountant from providing bookkeeping or accounting services to 80 an association or a common interest community manager;

9. A duly licensed real estate broker or agent from selling, leasing, renting, or managing lots within a 81 82 common interest community; or

83 10. An association, exchange agent, exchange company, managing agent, or managing entity of a time-share project registered pursuant to the Virginia Real Estate Time-Share Act (§ 55-360 et seq.) 84 85 from providing management services for such time-share project.

86 B. A licensee of the Board shall comply with the Board's regulations, notwithstanding the fact that 87 the licensee would be otherwise exempt from licensure under subsection A. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a person to be licensed in accordance with this chapter if he would be 88 89 otherwise exempt from such licensure. 90

§ 54.1-2349. Powers and duties of the Board.

91 A. The Board shall administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter. In addition to the 92 provisions of §§ 54.1-201 and 54.1-202, the Board shall:

93 1. Promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the requirements of this chapter in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) to include but not be limited to the prescription of fees, procedures, and qualifications for the issuance and renewal of common interest 94 95 community manager licenses. The Board shall annually assess each common interest community 96 97 manager an amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$1,000, or such other amount as the Board may establish by regulation, or (ii) five hundredths of one percent (0.05%) of the gross receipts from common interest 98 99 community management during the preceding calendar year. For the purposes of clause (ii), no minimum payment shall be less than \$10. The annual payment shall be remitted to the State Treasurer 100 and shall be placed to the credit of the Common Interest Community Management Fund established 101 102 pursuant to $\S55-529$;

103 2. Establish criteria for the licensure of common interest community managers to ensure the 104 appropriate training and educational credentials for the provision of management services to common 105 interest communities. Such criteria may include experiential requirements and shall include designation as an Accredited Association Management Company by the Community Associations Institute. As an additional alternative to such designation, the Board shall have authority, by regulation, to include one 106 107 108 of the following: (i) successful completion of another Board-approved training program and certifying 109 examination, or (ii) successful completion of a Virginia testing program to determine the quality of the 110 training and educational credentials for and competence of common interest community managers;

3. Establish criteria for the certification of the employees of common interest community managers 111 112 who have principal responsibility for management services provided to a common interest community or who have supervisory responsibility for employees who participate directly in the provision of 113 114 management services to a common interest community to ensure the person possesses the character and minimum skills to engage properly in the provision of management services to a common interest 115 community. Such criteria shall include designation as a Certified Manager of Community Associations 116 by the National Board of Certification for Community Association Managers, designation as an 117 Association Management Specialist by the Community Associations Institute, or designation as a 118 119 Professional Community Association Manager by the Community Associations Institute. As an additional 120 alternative to such designations, the Board shall have authority, by regulation, to include one of the following: (i) successful completion of another Board-approved training program as developed by the 121

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122 Virginia Association of Realtors or other organization, and certifying examination, or (ii) successful
 123 completion of a Virginia testing program to determine the quality of the training and educational
 124 credentials for and competence of the employees of common interest community managers who
 125 paid to the Board for the issuance of such certificate shall be paid to the Common Interest Community
 126 Management Information Fund established pursuant to § 55-529;

128 4. Approve the criteria for accredited common interest community manager training programs;

129 5. Approve accredited common interest community manager training programs;

6. Establish, by regulation, standards of conduct for common interest community managers and for
 employees of common interest community managers certified in accordance with the provisions of this
 chapter; and

133 7. Establish, by regulation, an education-based certification program for persons who are involved in
134 the business or activity of providing management services for compensation to common interest
135 communities. The Board shall have the authority to approve training courses and instructors in
136 furtherance of the provisions of this chapter.

B. 1. The Board shall have the sole responsibility for the administration of this chapter and for the promulgation of regulations to carry out the requirements thereof.

139 2. The Board shall also be responsible for the enforcement of this chapter, provided that the Real
140 Estate Board shall have the sole responsibility for the enforcement of this chapter with respect to a real
141 estate broker, real estate salesperson, or real estate brokerage firm licensed in accordance with Chapter
142 1(§ 54.1-2100 et seq.) who is also licensed as a common interest community manager.

143 3. For purposes of enforcement of this chapter or Chapter 4.2 (§ 55-79.39 et seq.), 21 (§ 55-360 et seq.), 24 (§ 55-424 et seq.), or 26 (§ 55-508 et seq.) of Title 55, any requirement for the conduct of a hearing shall be satisfied by an informal fact-finding proceeding convened and conducted pursuant to § 2.2-4019 of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

147 C. The Board is authorized to obtain criminal history record information from any state or federal 148 law-enforcement agency relating to an applicant for licensure or certification. Any information so 149 obtained is for the exclusive use of the Board and shall not be released to any other person or agency 150 except in furtherance of the investigation of the applicant or with the authorization of the applicant or 151 upon court order.

152 § 54.1-2353. Protection of the interests of associations; appointment of receiver for common interest
 153 community manager.

154 A. A common interest community manager owes a fiduciary duty to the associations to which it 155 provides management services with respect to the manager's handling the funds or the records of each 156 association. All funds deposited with the common interest community manager shall be handled in a 157 fiduciary capacity and shall be kept in a separate fiduciary trust account or accounts in an FDIC-insured 158 financial institution separate from the assets of the common interest community manager. The funds 159 shall be the property of the association and shall be segregated for each depository in the records of the 160 common interest community manager in a manner that permits the funds to be identified on an association basis. All records having administrative or fiscal value to the association that a common 161 162 interest community manager holds, maintains, compiles, or generates on behalf of a common interest 163 community are the property of the association. A common interest community manager may retain and 164 dispose of association records in accordance with a policy contained in the contract between the common interest community manager and the association. Within a reasonable time after a written 165 166 request for any such records, the common interest community manager shall provide copies of the requested records to the association at the association's expense. The common interest community 167 168 manager shall return all association records that it retains and any originals of legal instruments or official documents that are in the possession of the common interest community manager to the 169 170 association within a reasonable time after termination of the contract for management services without 171 additional cost to the association. Records maintained in electronic format may be returned in such 172 format.

173 B. If the Board has reasonable cause to believe that a common interest community manager is unable 174 to properly discharge its fiduciary responsibilities to an association to which it provides management 175 services, the Board may submit an ex parte petition to the circuit court of the city or county wherein the 176 common interest community manager maintains an office or is doing business for the issuance of an 177 order authorizing the immediate inspection by and production to representatives of the petitioner of any 178 records, documents, and physical or other evidence belonging to the subject common interest community 179 manager. The court may issue such order without notice to the common interest community manager if 180 the petition, supported by affidavit of the petitioner and such other evidence as the court may require, 181 shows reasonable cause to believe that such action is required to prevent immediate loss of property of 182 one or more of the associations to which the subject common interest community manager provides 183 management services. The court may also temporarily enjoin further activity by the common interest community manager and take such further action as shall be necessary to conserve, protect, and disburse the funds involved, including the appointment of a receiver. The papers filed with the court pursuant to this subsection shall be placed under seal.

C. If the Board has reasonable cause to believe that a common interest community manager is unable 187 188 to properly discharge its fiduciary responsibilities to an association to which it provides management 189 services, the Board may file a petition with the circuit court of the county or city wherein the subject 190 common interest community manager maintains an office or is doing business. The petition may seek 191 the following relief: (i) an injunction prohibiting the withdrawal of any bank deposits or the disposition 192 of any other assets belonging to or subject to the control of the subject common interest community 193 manager; and (ii) the appointment of a receiver for all or part of the funds or property of the subject common interest community manager. The subject common interest community manager shall be given 194 195 notice of the time and place of the hearing on the petition and an opportunity to offer evidence. The 196 court, in its discretion, may require a receiver appointed pursuant to this section to post bond, with or 197 without surety. The papers filed with the court under this subsection shall be placed under seal until 198 such time as the court grants an injunction or appoints a receiver. The court may issue an injunction, 199 appoint a receiver, or provide such other relief as the court may consider proper if, after a hearing, the 200 court finds that such relief is necessary or appropriate to prevent loss of property of one or more of the 201 associations to which the subject common interest community manager provides management services.

D. In any proceeding under subsection C, any person or entity known to the Board to be indebted to or having in his possession property, real or personal, belonging to or subject to the control of the subject common interest community manager's business and which property the Board reasonably believes may become part of the receivership assets, shall be served with a copy of the petition and notice of the time and place of the hearing.

207 E. The court shall describe the powers and duties of the receiver in its appointing order, which may 208 be amended from time to time. The receiver shall, unless otherwise ordered by the court in the 209 appointing order, (i) prepare and file with the Board a list of all associations managed by the subject 210 common interest community manager; (ii) notify in writing all of the associations to which the subject 211 common interest community manager provides management services of the appointment, and take 212 whatever action the receiver deems appropriate to protect the interests of the associations until such time 213 as the associations have had an opportunity to obtain a successor common interest community manager; 214 (iii) facilitate the transfer of records and information to such successor common interest community 215 manager; (iv) identify and take control of all bank accounts, including without limitation trust and 216 operating accounts, over which the subject common interest community manager had signatory authority 217 in connection with its management business; (v) prepare and submit an accounting of receipts and 218 disbursements and account balances of all funds under the receiver's control for submission to the court within four months of the appointment and annually thereafter until the receivership is terminated by the 219 220 court; (vi) attempt to collect any accounts receivable related to the subject common interest community 221 manager's business; (vii) identify and attempt to recover any assets wrongfully diverted from the subject 222 common interest community manager's business, or assets acquired with funds wrongfully diverted from 223 the subject common interest community manager's business; (viii) terminate the subject common interest community manager's business; (ix) reduce to cash all of the assets of the subject common interest 224 225 community manager; (x) determine the nature and amount of all claims of creditors of the subject 226 common interest community manager, including associations to which the subject common interest 227 community manager provided management services; and (xi) prepare and file with the court a report of 228 such assets and claims proposing a plan for the distribution of funds in the receivership to such creditors 229 in accordance with the provisions of subsection F.

F. Upon the court's approval of the receiver's report referenced in subsection E, at a hearing after such notice as the court may require to creditors, the receiver shall distribute the assets of the common interest community manager and funds in the receivership first to clients whose funds were or ought to have been held in a fiduciary capacity by the subject common interest community manager, then to the receiver for fees, costs, and expenses awarded pursuant to subsection G, and thereafter to the creditors of the subject common interest community manager, and then to the subject common interest community manager or its successors in interest.

G. A receiver appointed pursuant to this section shall be entitled, upon proper application to the court in which the appointment was made, to recover an award of reasonable fees, costs, and expenses.
If there are not sufficient nonfiduciary funds to pay the award, then the shortfall shall be paid by the Common Interest Community Management Information Recovery Fund as a cost of administering the Fund pursuant to § 55-530 § 55-530.1, to the extent that the said Fund has funds available. The Fund shall have a claim against the subject common interest community manager for the amount paid.

H. The court may determine whether any assets under the receiver's control should be returned to thesubject common interest community manager.

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245 I. If the Board shall find that any common interest community manager is insolvent, that its merger 246 into another common interest community manager is desirable for the protection of the associations to 247 which such common interest community manager provides management services, and that an emergency 248 exists, and, if the board of directors of such insolvent common interest community manager shall 249 approve a plan of merger of such common interest community manager into another common interest 250 community manager, compliance with the requirements of § 13.1-718 shall be dispensed with as to such 251 insolvent common interest community manager and the approval by the Board of such plan of merger 252 shall be the equivalent of approval by the holders of more than two-thirds of the outstanding shares of 253 such insolvent common interest community manager for all purposes of Article 12 (§ 13.1-715.1 et seq.) 254 of Chapter 9 of Title 13.1. If the Board finds that a common interest community manager is insolvent, 255 that the acquisition of its assets by another common interest community manager is in the best interests 256 of the associations to which such common interest community manager provides management services, 257 and that an emergency exists, it may, with the consent of the boards of directors of both common 258 interest community managers as to the terms and conditions of such transfer, including the assumption 259 of all or certain liabilities, enter an order transferring some or all of the assets of such insolvent common interest community manager to such other common interest community manager, and no 260 261 compliance with the provisions of §§ 13.1-723 and 13.1-724 shall be required, nor shall §§ 13.1-730 262 through 13.1-741 be applicable to such transfer. In the case either of such a merger or of such a sale of 263 assets, the Board shall provide that prompt notice of its finding of insolvency and of the merger or sale 264 of assets be sent to the stockholders of record of the insolvent common interest community manager for 265 the purpose of providing such shareholders an opportunity to challenge the finding that the common 266 interest community manager is insolvent. The relevant books and records of such insolvent common 267 interest community manager shall remain intact and be made available to such shareholders for a period 268 of 30 days after such notice is sent. The Board's finding of insolvency shall become final if a hearing 269 before the Board is not requested by any such shareholder within such 30-day period. If, after such 270 hearing, the Board finds that such common interest community manager was solvent, it shall rescind its 271 order entered pursuant to this subsection and the merger or transfer of assets shall be rescinded. But if, 272 after such hearing, the Board finds that such common interest community manager was insolvent, its 273 order shall be final.

274 J. The provisions of this chapter are declared to be remedial. The purpose of this chapter is to protect 275 the interests of associations adversely affected by common interest community managers who have 276 breached their fiduciary duty. The provisions of this chapter shall be liberally administered in order to 277 protect those interests and thereby the public's interest in the quality of management services provided 278 by Virginia common interest community managers. 279

§ 55-79.74:1. Books, minutes and records; inspection.

280 A. The declarant, the managing agent, the unit owners' association, or the person specified in the 281 bylaws of the association shall keep detailed records of the receipts and expenditures affecting the 282 operation and administration of the condominium and specifying the maintenance and repair expenses of 283 the common elements and any other expenses incurred by or on behalf of the association. Subject to the 284 provisions of subsections B, C and D, upon request, any unit owner shall be provided a copy of such 285 records and minutes. All financial books and records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted 286 accounting practices.

287 B. Subject to the provisions of subsection C, all books and records kept by or on behalf of the unit 288 owners' association, including, but not limited to, the unit owners' association membership list, addresses 289 and aggregate salary information of unit owners' association employees, shall be available for 290 examination and copying by a unit owner in good standing or his authorized agent so long as the 291 request is for a proper purpose related to his membership in the unit owners' association, and not for 292 pecuniary gain or commercial solicitation. This right of examination shall exist without reference to the 293 duration of membership and may be exercised (i) only during reasonable business hours or at a mutually 294 convenient time and location and (ii) upon five days' written notice reasonably identifying the purpose 295 for the request and the specific books and records of the unit owners' association requested.

296 C. Books and records kept by or on behalf of a unit owners' association may be withheld from 297 examination or copying by unit owners and contract purchasers to the extent that they are drafts not yet 298 incorporated into the unit owners' association's books and records or if such books and records concern: 299 1. Personnel matters relating to specific, identified persons or a person's medical records;

300 2. Contracts, leases, and other commercial transactions to purchase or provide goods or services,

301 currently in or under negotiation;

302 3. Pending or probable litigation. Probable litigation means those instances where there has been a 303 specific threat of litigation from a party or the legal counsel of a party;

304 4. Matters involving state or local administrative or other formal proceedings before a government 305 tribunal for enforcement of the condominium instruments or rules and regulations promulgated pursuant

306 to $\frac{55-513}{5}$ by the executive organ;

307 5. Communications with legal counsel which relates to subdivisions 1 through 4 or which is 308 protected by the attorney-client privilege or the attorney work product doctrine; 309

6. Disclosure of information in violation of law;

310 7. Meeting minutes or other confidential records of an executive session of the executive organ held 311 pursuant to subsection C of § 55-79.75;

312 8. Documentation, correspondence or management or executive organ reports compiled for or on 313 behalf of the unit owners' association or the executive organ by its agents or committees for consideration by the executive organ in executive session; or 314

315 9. Individual unit owner or member files, other than those of the requesting unit owner, including 316 any individual unit owner's files kept by or on behalf of the unit owners' association.

D. Prior to providing copies of any books and records, the unit owners' association may impose and 317 318 collect a charge, reflecting the reasonable costs of materials and labor, not to exceed the actual costs 319 thereof. 320

§ 55-79.97. Resale by purchaser.

A. In the event of any resale of a condominium unit by a unit owner other than the declarant, and 321 322 subject to the provisions of subsection F and § 55-79.87 A, the unit owner shall disclose in the contract 323 that (i) the unit is located within a development which is subject to the Condominium Act, (ii) the Act 324 requires the seller to obtain from the unit owners' association a resale certificate and provide it to the 325 purchaser, (iii) the purchaser may cancel the contract within three days after receiving the resale 326 certificate or being notified that the resale certificate will not be available, (iv) if the purchaser has 327 received the resale certificate, the purchaser has a right to request a resale certificate update or financial update in accordance with § 55-79.97:1, as appropriate, and (v) the right to receive the resale certificate 328 329 and the right to cancel the contract are waived conclusively if not exercised before settlement.

330 For purposes of clause (iii), the resale certificate shall be deemed not to be available if (a) a current annual report has not been filed by the unit owners' association with either the State Corporation 331 332 Commission pursuant to § 13.1-936 or the Common Interest Community Board pursuant to § 55-79.93:1, 333 (b) the seller has made a written request to the unit owners' association that the resale certificate be 334 provided and no such resale certificate has been received within 14 days in accordance with subsection 335 C, or (c) written notice has been provided by the unit owners' association that a resale certificate is not 336 available.

337 B. If the contract does not contain the disclosure required by subsection A, the purchaser's sole 338 remedy is to cancel the contract prior to settlement.

339 C. The information contained in the resale certificate shall be current as of a date specified on the 340 resale certificate. A resale certificate update or a financial update may be requested as provided in § 55-79.97:1, as appropriate. The purchaser may cancel the contract (i) within three days after the date 341 342 of the contract, if the purchaser receives the resale certificate on or before the date that the purchaser 343 signs the contract; (ii) within three days after receiving the resale certificate if the resale certificate is 344 hand delivered or delivered by electronic means and a receipt obtained; or (iii) within six days after the 345 postmark date if the resale certificate is sent to the purchaser by United States mail. Notice of 346 cancellation shall be provided to the unit owner or his agent by one of the following methods: 347

a. Hand delivery;

348 b. United States mail, postage prepaid, provided the sender retains sufficient proof of mailing, which 349 may be either a United States postal certificate of mailing or a certificate of service prepared by the 350 sender confirming such mailing;

351 c. Electronic means provided the sender retains sufficient proof of the electronic delivery, which may 352 be an electronic receipt of delivery, a confirmation that the notice was sent by facsimile, or a certificate 353 of service prepared by the sender confirming the electronic delivery; or 354

d. Overnight delivery using a commercial service or the United States Postal Service.

355 In the event of a dispute, the sender shall have the burden to demonstrate delivery of the notice of 356 cancellation. Such cancellation shall be without penalty, and the unit owner shall cause any deposit to be 357 returned promptly to the purchaser. 358

A resale certificate shall include the following:

359 1. An appropriate statement pursuant to subsection H of § 55-79.84 which need not be notarized and, 360 if applicable, an appropriate statement pursuant to § 55-79.85;

361 2. A statement of any expenditure of funds approved by the unit owners' association or the executive organ which shall require an assessment in addition to the regular assessment during the current or the 362 363 immediately succeeding fiscal year;

3. A statement, including the amount, of all assessments and any other fees or charges currently 364 imposed by the unit owners' association, together with any known post-closing fee charged by the 365 common interest community manager, if any, and associated with the purchase, disposition and 366 maintenance of the condominium unit and the use of the common elements, and the status of the 367

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368 account;

369 4. A statement whether there is any other entity or facility to which the unit owner may be liable for370 fees or other charges;

5. The current reserve study report or a summary thereof, a statement of the status and amount of any reserve or replacement fund and any portion of the fund designated for any specified project by the executive organ;

6. A copy of the unit owners' association's current budget or a summary thereof prepared by the unit
owners' association and a copy of the statement of its financial position (balance sheet) for the last fiscal
year for which a statement is available, including a statement of the balance due of any outstanding
loans of the unit owners' association;

378 7. A statement of the nature and status of any pending suits or unpaid judgments to which the unit owners' association is a party which either could or would have a material impact on the unit owners' association or the unit owners or which relates to the unit being purchased;

381 8. A statement setting forth what insurance coverage is provided for all unit owners by the unit
382 owners' association, including the fidelity bond maintained by the unit owners' association, and what
383 additional insurance coverage would normally be secured by each individual unit owner;

384 9. A statement that any improvements or alterations made to the unit, or the limited common385 elements assigned thereto, are or are not in violation of the condominium instruments;

10. A copy of the current bylaws, rules and regulations and architectural guidelines adopted by the unit owners' association and the amendments thereto;

388 11. A statement of whether the condominium or any portion thereof is located within a development389 subject to the Property Owners' Association Act (§ 55-508 et seq.) of Chapter 26 of this title;

390 12. A copy of the notice given to the unit owner by the unit owners' association of any current or391 pending rule or architectural violation;

392 13. A copy of any approved minutes of the executive organ and unit owners' association meetings for393 the six calendar months preceding the request for the resale certificate;

394 14. Certification that the unit owners' association has filed with the Common Interest Community
395 Board the annual report required by § 55-79.93:1; which certification shall indicate the filing number
396 assigned by the Common Interest Community Board and the expiration date of such filing;

397 15. A statement of any limitation on the number of persons who may occupy a unit as a dwelling;398 and

399 16. A statement setting forth any restrictions, limitation or prohibition on the right of a unit owner to
400 display the flag of the United States, including, but not limited to reasonable restrictions as to the size,
401 time, place, and manner of placement or display of such flag.

402 Failure to receive a resale certificate shall not excuse any failure to comply with the provisions of403 the condominium instruments, articles of incorporation, or rules or regulations.

The resale certificate shall be delivered in accordance with the written request and instructions of the seller or his authorized agent, including whether the resale certificate shall be delivered electronically or in hard copy, and shall specify the complete contact information for the parties to whom the resale certificate shall be delivered. The resale certificate shall be delivered within 14 days of receipt of such request. The resale certificate shall not, in and of itself, be deemed a security within the meaning of § 13.1-501.

410 D. The seller or his authorized agent may request that the resale certificate be provided in hard copy 411 or in electronic form. A unit owners' association or common interest community manager may provide 412 the resale certificate electronically; however, the seller or his authorized agent shall have the right to 413 request that the resale certificate be provided in hard copy. The seller or his authorized agent shall 414 continue to have the right to request a hard copy of the resale certificate in person at the principal place of business of the unit owners' association. If the seller or his authorized agent requests that the resale 415 416 certificate be provided in electronic format, neither the unit owners' association nor its common interest 417 community manager may require the seller or his authorized agent to pay any fees to use the provider's 418 electronic network or system. If the seller or his authorized agent asks that the resale certificate be 419 provided in electronic format, the seller or his authorized agent may designate no more than two 420 additional recipients to receive the resale certificate in electronic format at no additional charge.

421 E. Subject to the provisions of § 55-79.87, but notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter,
422 the provisions and requirements of this section shall apply to any such resale of a condominium unit
423 created under the provisions of the Horizontal Property Act (§ 55-79.1 et seq.).

424 F. The resale certificate required by this section need not be provided in the case of:

- 425 1. A disposition of a unit by gift;
- 426 2. A disposition of a unit pursuant to court order if the court so directs; or
- 427 3. A disposition of a unit by foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure; or
- 428 4. A disposition of a unit by a sale at auction, when the resale certificate was made available as

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429 part of the auction package for prospective purchasers prior to the auction.

430 G. In any transaction in which a resale certificate is required and a trustee acts as the seller in the 431 sale or resale of a unit, the trustee shall obtain the resale certificate from the unit owners' association 432 and provide the resale certificate to the purchaser.

433 § 55-79.97:1. Fees for resale certificate.

A. The unit owners' association may charge fees as authorized by this section for the inspection of 434 435 the property, the preparation and issuance of the resale certificate required § 55-79.97, and for such other 436 services as are set out in this section. 437

B. A reasonable fee may be charged by the preparer of the resale certificate as follows for:

438 1. The inspection of the unit, as authorized in the declaration and as required to prepare the resale 439 certificate, a fee not to exceed \$100;

440 2. The preparation and delivery of the resale certificate in (i) paper format, a fee not to exceed \$150 441 for no more than two hard copies, or (ii) electronic format, a fee not to exceed \$125, for no more than 442 two electronic copies. Only one fee shall be charged for the preparation and delivery of the resale 443 certificate:

444 3. At the option of the seller or his authorized agent, with the consent of the unit owners' association 445 or the common interest community manager, expediting the inspection, preparation, and delivery of the 446 resale certificate, an additional expedite fee not to exceed \$50;

447 4. At the option of the seller or his authorized agent, an additional hard copy of the resale certificate, 448 a fee not to exceed \$25 per hard copy;

5. At the option of the seller or his authorized agent, a fee not to exceed an amount equal to the 449 450 actual cost paid to a third-party commercial delivery service for hand delivery or overnight delivery of 451 the resale certificate; and

6. A post-closing fee to the purchaser of the unit, collected at settlement, for the purpose of 452 453 establishing the purchaser as the owner of the unit in the records of the unit owners' association, a fee 454 not to exceed \$50.

455 Neither the unit owners' association nor its common interest community manager shall require cash, 456 check, certified funds, or credit card payments at the time the request for the resale certificate is made.

457 For purposes of this section, an expedite fee shall only be charged if the inspection and preparation 458 of delivery of the resale certificate are completed within five business days of the request for a resale 459 certificate.

460 C. No fees other than those specified in this section, and as limited by this section, shall be charged 461 by the unit owners' association or its common interest community manager for compliance with the 462 duties and responsibilities of the unit owners' association under this section. The unit owners' association or its common interest community manager shall publish and make available in paper or electronic 463 format, or both, a schedule of the applicable fees so that the seller or his authorized agent will know 464 465 such fees at the time of requesting the resale certificate.

466 D. Any fees charged pursuant to this section shall be collected at the time settlement occurs on the sale of the unit and shall be due and payable out of the settlement proceeds in accordance with this 467 468 section. The seller shall be responsible for all costs associated with the preparation and delivery of the 469 resale certificate, except for the costs of any resale certificate update or financial update, which costs 470 shall be the responsibility of the requestor, payable at settlement. Neither the unit owners' association 471 nor its common interest community manager shall require cash, check, certified funds, or credit card 472 payments at the time the request is made for the resale certificate.

473 E. If settlement does not occur within 90 45 days of the delivery of the resale certificate, or funds 474 are not collected at settlement and disbursed to the unit owners' association or the common interest 475 community manager, all fees, including those costs that would have otherwise been the responsibility of the purchaser or settlement agent, shall be assessed against the unit owner, shall be the personal 476 477 obligation of the unit owner, and shall be an assessment against the unit and collectible as any other 478 assessment in accordance with the provisions of the declaration and § 55-79.83. The seller may pay the 479 unit owners' association by cash, check, certified funds, or credit card, if credit card payment is an 480 option offered by the unit owners' association. The unit owners' association shall pay the common 481 interest community manager the amount due from the unit owner within 30 days after invoice.

482 F. The maximum allowable fees charged in accordance with this section shall adjust every five years, 483 as of January 1 of that year, in an amount equal to the annual increases for that five-year period in the United States Average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published 484 485 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

G. If a resale certificate has been issued within the preceding 12-month period, a person specified in 486 487 the written instructions of the seller or his authorized agent, including the seller or his authorized agent or the purchaser or his authorized agent, may request a resale certificate update. The requestor shall 488 489 specify whether the resale certificate update shall be delivered electronically or in hard copy and shall 490 specify the complete contact information of the parties to whom the update shall be delivered. The

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491 resale certificate update shall be delivered within 10 days of the written request.

492 H. The settlement agent may request a financial update. The requestor shall specify whether the
493 financial update shall be delivered electronically or in hard copy and shall specify the complete contact
494 information of the parties to whom the update shall be delivered. The financial update shall be delivered
495 within three business days of the written request.

496 I. A reasonable fee for the resale certificate update or financial update may be charged by the 497 preparer, not to exceed \$50. At the option of the purchaser or his authorized agent, the requestor may **498** request that the unit owners' association or the common interest community manager perform an 499 additional inspection of the unit, as authorized in the declaration, for a fee not to exceed \$100. Any fees 500 charged for the specified update shall be collected at the time settlement occurs on the sale of the 501 property. Neither the unit owners' association nor its common interest community manager, if any, shall 502 require cash, check, certified funds, or credit card payments at the time the request is made for the 503 resale certificate update. The requestor may request that the specified update be provided in hard copy 504 or in electronic form.

J. No unit owners' association or common interest community manager may require the requestor to request the specified update electronically. The seller or his authorized agent shall continue to have the right to request a hard copy of the specified update in person at the principal place of business of the unit owners' association. If the requestor asks that the specified update be provided in electronic format, neither the unit owners' association nor its common interest community manager may require the requester to pay any fees to use the provider's electronic network or system. A copy of the specified update shall be provided to the seller or his authorized agent.

512 K. When a resale certificate has been delivered as required by § 55-79.97, the unit owners' 513 association shall, as to the purchaser, be bound by the statements set forth therein as to the status of the 514 assessment account and the status of the unit with respect to any violation of the condominium 515 instruments as of the date of the statement unless the purchaser had actual knowledge that the contents 516 of the resale certificate were in error.

517 L. If the unit owners' association or its common interest community manager has been requested in 518 writing to furnish the resale certificate required by § 55-79.97, failure to provide the resale certificate 519 substantially in the form provided in this section shall be deemed a waiver of any claim for delinquent 520 assessments or of any violation of the declaration, bylaws, rules and regulations, or architectural 521 guidelines existing as of the date of the request with respect to the subject unit. The preparer of the 522 resale certificate shall be liable to the seller in an amount equal to the actual damages sustained by the 523 seller in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. The purchaser shall nevertheless be obligated to abide by the 524 condominium instruments, rules and regulations, and architectural guidelines of the unit owners' 525 association as to all matters arising after the date of the settlement of the sale.

526 § 55-509. Definitions.

527 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

528 "Act" means the Virginia Property Owners' Association Act.

529 "Association" means the property owners' association.

530 "Board of directors" means the executive body of a property owners' association, or a committee531 which is exercising the power of the executive body by resolution or bylaw.

532 "Capital components" means those items, whether or not a part of the common area, for which the
533 association has the obligation for repair, replacement or restoration and for which the board of directors
534 determines funding is necessary.

535 "Common area" means property within a development which is owned, leased or required by the
536 declaration to be maintained or operated by a property owners' association for the use of its members
537 and designated as common area in the declaration.

538 "Common interest community" means the same as that term is defined in § 55-528.

539 "Common interest community manager" means the same as that term is defined in § 54.1-2345.

540 "Declarant" means the person or entity signing the declaration and its successors or assigns who may541 submit property to a declaration.

"Declaration" means any instrument, however denominated, recorded among the land records of the 542 543 county or city in which the development or any part thereof is located, that either (i) imposes on the 544 association maintenance or operational responsibilities for the common area or (ii) creates the authority 545 in the association to impose on lots, or on the owners or occupants of such lots, or on any other entity 546 any mandatory payment of money in connection with the provision of maintenance and/or services for 547 the benefit of some or all of the lots, the owners or occupants of the lots, or the common area. 548 "Declaration" includes any amendment or supplement to the instruments described in this definition. 549 "Declaration" shall not include a declaration of a condominium, real estate cooperative, time-share 550 project or campground.

551 "Development" means real property located within this Commonwealth subject to a declaration which

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contains both lots, at least some of which are residential or are occupied for recreational purposes, and
common areas with respect to which any person, by virtue of ownership of a lot, is a member of an
association and is obligated to pay assessments provided for in a declaration.

"Disclosure packet update" means an update of the financial information referenced in subdivisions A
2 through A 9 of § 55-509.5. The update shall include a copy of the original disclosure packet.

557 "Financial update" means an update of the financial information referenced in subdivisions A 2558 through A 7 of § 55-509.5.

559 "Lot" means (i) any plot or parcel of land designated for separate ownership or occupancy shown on 560 a recorded subdivision plat for a development or the boundaries of which are described in the 561 declaration or in a recorded instrument referred to or expressly contemplated by the declaration, other 562 than a common area, and (ii) a unit in a condominium association or a unit in a real estate cooperative 563 if the condominium or cooperative is a part of a development.

564 "Meeting" or "meetings^{*} means the formal gathering of the board of directors where the business of 565 the association is discussed or transacted.

566 "Professionally managed" means a common interest community that has engaged (i) a common
567 interest community manager to provide management services to the community or (ii) a person as an
568 employee for compensation to provide management services to the community, other than a resident of
569 the community who provides bookkeeping, billing, or recordkeeping services for that community.

570 "Property owners' association" or "association" means an incorporated or unincorporated entity upon571 which responsibilities are imposed and to which authority is granted in the declaration.

572 "Settlement agent" means the same as that term is defined in § 6.1-2.20.

573 § 55-509.3. Association charges.

574 Except as expressly authorized in this chapter, in the declaration, or otherwise provided by law, no 575 association may (*i*) make an assessment or impose a charge against a lot or a lot owner unless the 576 charge is a fee for services provided or related to use of the common area or (*ii*) charge a fee related to 577 the provisions set out in § 55-509.6 or 55-509.7 that is not expressly authorized in those sections.

§ 55-509.6. Fees for disclosure packet; professionally managed associations.

579 A. TheA professionally managed association or its common interest community manager may charge 580 certain fees as authorized by this section for the inspection of the property, the preparation and issuance of the disclosure packet required § 55-509.5, and for such other services as set out in this section. The 581 582 seller or his authorized agent shall specify whether the disclosure packet shall be delivered electronically 583 or in hard copy, and shall specify the complete contact information for the parties to whom the 584 disclosure packet shall be delivered. If the seller or his authorized agent specifies that delivery shall be 585 made to the purchaser or his authorized agent or settlement agent, the preparer shall provide the 586 disclosure packet directly to the designated persons, at the same time it is delivered to the seller or his 587 authorized agent.

B. A reasonable fee may be charged by the preparer as follows for:

589 1. The inspection of the exterior of the dwelling unit and the lot, as authorized in the declaration and590 as required to prepare the association disclosure packet, a fee not to exceed \$100;

591 2. The preparation and delivery of the disclosure packet in (i) paper format, a fee not to exceed \$150
592 for no more than two hard copies or (ii) electronic format, a fee not to exceed \$125 for no more than
593 two electronic copies. Only one fee shall be charged for the preparation and delivery of the disclosure
594 packet;

595 3. At the option of the seller or his authorized agent, with the consent of the association or the
596 common interest community manager, expediting the inspection, preparation and delivery of the
597 disclosure packet, an additional expedite fee not to exceed \$50;

598 4. At the option of the seller or his authorized agent, an additional hard copy of the disclosure599 packet, a fee not to exceed \$25 per hard copy;

600 5. At the option of the seller or his authorized agent, a fee not to exceed an amount equal to the
601 actual cost paid to a third-party commercial delivery service for hand delivery or overnight delivery of
602 the association disclosure packet; and

603 6. A post-closing fee to the purchaser of the property, collected at settlement, for the purpose of 604 establishing the purchaser as the owner of the property in the records of the association, a fee not to 605 exceed \$50.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection E, neither the association nor its common interest
 community manager shall require cash, check, certified funds or credit card payments at the time the
 request for the disclosure packet is made.

609 For purposes of this section, an expedite fee shall only be charged if the inspection and preparation
610 of delivery of the disclosure packet are completed within five business days of the request for a
611 disclosure packet.

612 C. No fees other than those specified in this section, and as limited by this section, shall be charged 613 by the association or its common interest community manager for compliance with the duties and

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614 responsibilities of the association under this chapter. The association or its common interest community
615 manager shall publish and make available in paper or electronic format, or both, a schedule of the
616 applicable fees so the seller or his authorized agent will know such fees at the time of requesting the
617 packet.

D. Any fees charged pursuant to this section shall be collected at the time of settlement on the sale
of the lot and shall be due and payable out of the settlement proceeds in accordance with this section.
The seller shall be responsible for all costs associated with the preparation and delivery of the
association disclosure packet, except for the costs of any disclosure packet update or financial update,
which costs shall be the responsibility of the requestor, payable at settlement. Neither the association nor
its common interest community manager shall require cash, check, certified funds, or credit card
payments at the time of the request is made for the association disclosure packet.

- 625 E. If settlement does not occur within 90 45 days of the delivery of the disclosure packet, or funds 626 are not collected at settlement and disbursed to the association or the common interest community manager, all fees, including those costs that would have otherwise been the responsibility of the 627 628 purchaser or settlement agent, shall be assessed against the lot owner and shall be the personal 629 obligation of the lot owner and shall be an assessment against the lot and collectible as any other 630 assessment in accordance with the provisions of the declaration and § 55-516. The seller may pay the 631 association by cash, check, certified funds, or credit card, if credit card payment is an option offered by 632 the association. The association shall pay the common interest community manager the amount due from 633 the lot owner within 30 days after invoice.
- F. The maximum allowable fees charged in accordance with this section shall adjust every five years,
 as of January 1 of that year, in an amount equal to the annual increases for that five-year period in the
 United States Average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published
 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.
- G. If an association disclosure packet has been issued for a lot within the preceding 12-month period,
 a person specified in the written instructions of the seller or his authorized agent, including the seller or
 his authorized agent, or the purchaser or his authorized agent may request a disclosure packet update.
 The requestor shall specify whether the disclosure packet update shall be delivered electronically or in
 hard copy, and shall specify the complete contact information of the parties to whom the update shall be
 delivered. The disclosure packet update shall be delivered within 10 days of the written request.
- H. The settlement agent may request a financial update. The requestor shall specify whether the
 financial update shall be delivered electronically or in hard copy, and shall specify the complete contact
 information of the parties to whom the update shall be delivered. The financial update shall be delivered
 within three business days of the written request.
- 648 I. A reasonable fee for the disclosure packet update or financial update may be charged by the 649 preparer not to exceed \$50. At the option of the purchaser or his authorized agent, the requestor may 650 request that the association or the common interest community manager perform an additional inspection 651 of the exterior of the dwelling unit and the lot, as authorized in the declaration, for a fee not to exceed 652 \$100. Any fees charged for the specified update shall be collected at the time settlement occurs on the sale of the property. Neither the association nor its common interest community manager, if any, shall 653 654 require cash, check, certified funds, or credit card payments at the time the request is made for the 655 disclosure packet update. The requestor may request that the specified update be provided in hard copy 656 or in electronic form.
- 657 J. No association or common interest community manager may require the requestor to request the 658 specified update electronically. The seller or his authorized agent shall continue to have the right to 659 request a hard copy of the specified update in person at the principal place of business of the 660 association. If the requestor asks that the specified update be provided in electronic format, neither the 661 association nor its common interest community manager may require the requester to pay any fees to 662 use the provider's electronic network or system. A copy of the specified update shall be provided to the 663 seller or his authorized agent.
- 664 K. When an association disclosure packet has been delivered as required by § 55-509.5, the 665 association shall, as to the purchaser, be bound by the statements set forth therein as to the status of the assessment account and the status of the lot with respect to any violation of the declaration, bylaws, rules and regulations, architectural guidelines and articles of incorporation, if any, of the association as 668 of the date of the statement unless the purchaser had actual knowledge that the contents of the 669 disclosure packet were in error.
- 670 L. If the association or its common interest community manager has been requested in writing to
 671 furnish the association disclosure packet required by § 55-509.5, failure to provide the association
 672 disclosure packet substantially in the form provided in this section shall be deemed a waiver of any
 673 claim for delinquent assessments or of any violation of the declaration, bylaws, rules and regulations, or
 674 architectural guidelines existing as of the date of the request with respect to the subject lot. The preparer

675 of the association disclosure packet shall be liable to the seller in an amount equal to the actual damages
676 sustained by the seller in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. The purchaser shall nevertheless be obligated
677 to abide by the declaration, bylaws, rules and regulations, and architectural guidelines of the association
678 as to all matters arising after the date of the settlement of the sale.

679 § 55-509.7. Fees for disclosure packets; associations not professionally managed.

680 A. The An association that is not professionally managed may charge a fee for the preparation and 681 issuance of the association disclosure packet required by § 55-509.5. Any fee shall reflect the actual cost of the preparation of the association disclosure packet, but shall not exceed \$0.10 per page of copying **682** costs or a total of \$100 for all costs incurred in preparing the association disclosure packet. The seller or **683** his authorized agent shall specify whether the association disclosure packet shall be delivered **684** electronically or in hard copy and shall specify the complete contact information of the parties to whom **685** the disclosure packet shall be delivered. If the seller or his authorized agent specifies that delivery shall 686 687 be made to the purchaser or his authorized agent, the preparer shall provide the disclosure packet directly to the designated persons, at the same time it is delivered to the seller or his authorized agent. 688 689 The association shall advise the requestor if electronic delivery of the disclosure packet or the disclosure 690 packet update or financial update is not available, if electronic delivery has been requested by the seller 691 or his authorized agent.

B. No fees other than those specified in this section shall be charged by the association for
compliance with its duties and responsibilities under this section. Any fees charged pursuant to this
section shall be collected at the time of delivery of the disclosure packet. If unpaid, any such fees shall
be an assessment against the lot and collectible as any other assessment in accordance with the
provisions of the declaration and § 55-516. The seller may pay the association by cash, check, certified
funds, or credit card, if credit card payment is an option offered by the association.

698 C. If an association disclosure packet has been issued for a lot within the preceding 12-month period, a person specified in the written instructions of the seller or his authorized agent, including the seller or his authorized agent, or the purchaser or his authorized agent may request a disclosure packet update. The requestor shall specify whether the disclosure packet update shall be delivered electronically or in hard copy and shall specify the complete contact information of the parties to whom the specified update shall be delivered. The disclosure packet update shall be delivered within 10 days of the written request therefor.

705 D. The settlement agent may request a financial update. The requestor shall specify whether the
706 financial update shall be delivered electronically or in hard copy, and shall specify the complete contact
707 information of the parties to whom the update shall be delivered. The financial update shall be delivered
708 within three business days of the written request therefor.

709 E. A reasonable fee for the disclosure packet update or a financial update may be charged by the 710 preparer not to exceed \$50. At the option of the purchaser or his authorized agent, the requestor may 711 request that the association perform an additional inspection of the exterior of the dwelling unit and the 712 lot, as authorized in the declaration, for a fee not to exceed \$50. Any fees charged for the specified 713 update shall be collected at the time of delivery of the update. The association shall not require cash, 714 check, certified funds, or credit card payments at the time the request is made for the disclosure packet 715 update. The requestor may request that the specified update be provided in hard copy or in electronic 716 form.

717 F. No association may require the requestor to request the specified update electronically. The seller 718 or his authorized agent shall continue to have the right to request a hard copy of the specified update in 719 person at the principal place of business of the association. If the requestor asks that the specified 720 update be provided in electronic format, the association shall not require the requester to pay any fees to 721 use the provider's electronic network or system. If the requestor asks that the specified update be 722 provided in electronic format, the requestor may designate no more than two additional recipients to 723 receive the specified update in electronic format at no additional charge. A copy of the specified update 724 shall be provided to the seller or his authorized agent.

G. When a disclosure packet has been delivered as required by § 55-509.5, the association shall, as to the purchaser, be bound by the statements set forth therein as to the status of the assessment account and the status of the lot with respect to any violation of the declaration, bylaws, rules and regulations, architectural guidelines and articles of incorporation, if any, of the association as of the date of the statement unless the purchaser had actual knowledge that the contents of the disclosure packet were in error.

H. If the association has been requested to furnish the association disclosure packet required by this section, failure to provide the association disclosure packet substantially in the form provided in this section shall be deemed a waiver of any claim for delinquent assessments or of any violation of the declaration, bylaws, rules and regulations, or architectural guidelines existing as of the date of the request with respect to the subject lot. The association shall be liable to the seller in an amount equal to the actual damages sustained by the seller in an amount not to exceed \$500. The purchaser shall

737 nevertheless be obligated to abide by the declaration, bylaws, rules and regulations, and architectural738 guidelines of the association as to all matters arising after the date of the settlement of the sale.