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HOUSE BILL NO. 439

House Amendments in [] — February 2, 2018

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-2101.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to professions and occupations; Real Estate Board; licensees; translation of real estate documents.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Bulova

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-2101.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-2101.1. Preparation of real estate contracts by real estate licensees; translation.

Notwithstanding any rule of court to the contrary, any person licensed under this chapter may prepare written contracts for the sale, purchase, option, exchange, or rental of real estate, provided *that* the preparation of such contracts is incidental to a real estate transaction in which the licensee (i) is involved and (ii) does not charge a separate fee for preparing the contracts.

If a party to a real estate transaction requests translation of a contract or other real estate document from the English language to another language, a licensee may assist such party in obtaining a translator or may refer such party to an electronic translation service. [The licensee shall not charge a fee for such assistance or referral.] In doing so, the licensee shall not be deemed to have breached any of his obligations under this chapter or otherwise become liable for any inaccuracies in the translation.

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