

STATE OF NEW YORK

4638--A

2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 4, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. SILLITTI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to requiring real estate brokers and salespersons to receive implicit bias training as part of their license renewal process

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 441 of the real
2 property law, as amended by chapter 392 of the laws of 2019, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (a) No renewal license shall be issued any licensee under this article
5 for any license period commencing November first, nineteen hundred nine-
6 ty-five unless such licensee shall have within the two year period imme-
7 diately preceding such renewal attended at least twenty-two and one-half
8 hours which shall include at least three hours of instruction pertaining
9 to fair housing and/or discrimination in the sale or rental of real
10 property or an interest in real property, at least two hours of instruc-
11 tion pertaining to implicit bias awareness and understanding, at least
12 two and one-half hours of instruction pertaining to ethical business
13 practices, at least one hour of instruction pertaining to recent legal
14 matters governing the practice of real estate brokers and salespersons
15 in New York which may include statutes, laws, regulations, rules, codes,
16 department of state opinions and decisions, and court decisions and at
17 least one hour of instruction pertaining to the law of agency except in
18 the case of the initial two-year licensing term for real estate sales-
19 persons, two hours of agency related instruction must be completed, and
20 successfully completed a continuing education real estate course or
21 courses approved by the secretary of state as to method, content and
22 supervision, which approval may be withdrawn if in the opinion of the
23 secretary of state such course or courses are not being conducted prop-

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

LBD04889-05-1

erly as to method, content and supervision. For those individuals licensed pursuant to subdivision six of section four hundred forty-two-g of this article, in the individual's initial license term, at least eleven hours of the required twenty-two and one-half hours of continuing education shall be completed during the first year of the term. Of those eleven hours, three hours shall pertain to applicable New York state statutes and regulations governing the practice of real estate brokers and salespersons. To establish compliance with the continuing education requirements imposed by this section, licensees shall provide an affidavit, in a form acceptable to the department of state, establishing the nature of the continuing education acquired and shall provide such further proof as required by the department of state. For purposes of this subdivision, "implicit bias" shall mean the attitudes or stereotypes that affect an individual's understanding, actions and decisions in an unconscious manner.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law, provided, however, that if chapter 392 of the laws of 2019 shall not have taken effect on or before such date then this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such chapter of the laws of 2019 takes effect.