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Introduced by M. of A. GRIFFIN, THIELE, AUBRY, GALEF, JACKSON, SILLITTI, HUNTER, ENGLEBRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to requiring the secretary of state to promulgate regulations requiring real estate brokers to institute standardized operating procedures for the prerequisites prospective homebuyers shall meet prior to receiving any services

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

1 Section 1. Section 442-h of the real property law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

3 4. (a) The secretary of state, upon notice and a public hearing, shall
4 promulgate rules and regulations requiring real estate brokers to insti-
5 tute standardized operating procedures for the prerequisites prospective
6 homebuyers must meet prior to receiving any services. Such rules and
7 regulations shall include but not be limited to the following:

8 (i) whether prospective clients shall show identification;

9 (ii) whether an exclusive broker agreement is required; and

10 (iii) whether pre-approval for a mortgage loan is required.

11 (b) Real estate brokers shall submit such standardized operating
12 procedures to the department of state and the department of state shall
13 maintain a file of such standardized operating procedures while the
14 broker's license is active and for at least five years thereafter. If
15 any alterations are made to the standardized operating procedures subse-
16 quent to such submission, real estate brokers shall notify and submit
17 such new standard operating procedures within thirty days. Any sales-
18 person operating under a brokerage license that fails to adhere to such
19 operating procedures shall be subject to the penalties imposed by
20 section four hundred forty-one-c of this article.

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

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1 § 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 441-c of the real prop-
2 erty law, as amended by chapter 131 of the laws of 2020, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (a) The department of state may revoke the license of a real estate
5 broker or salesman or suspend the same, for such period as the depart-
6 ment may deem proper, or in lieu thereof may impose a fine not exceeding
7 one thousand dollars payable to the department of state, or a reprimand
8 upon conviction of the licensee of a violation of any provision of this
9 article, or for a violation of subdivision four of section four hundred
10 forty-two-h of this article, or for a material misstatement in the
11 application for such license, or if such licensee has been guilty of
12 fraud or fraudulent practices, or for dishonest or misleading advertis-
13 ing, or has demonstrated untrustworthiness or incompetency to act as a
14 real estate broker or salesman, or for a violation of article fifteen of
15 the executive law committed in his or her capacity as a real estate
16 broker or salesman, as the case may be. In the case of a real estate
17 broker engaged in the business of a tenant relocater, untrustworthiness
18 or incompetency shall include engaging in any course of conduct includ-
19 ing, but not limited to, the interruption or discontinuance of essential
20 building service, that interferes with or disturbs the peace, comfort,
21 repose and quiet enjoyment of a tenant.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.