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2025 Changes to the Real Estate Practice Act

House Bill [3947](#) became law on May 8, 2025. A summary of the changes made in House Bill 3947 are set forth below.

Continuing Education Reciprocity

Section (e) was added to S.C. Code §40-57-340(B)(1) to allow the Commission to exempt nonresident real estate brokers or associates from completing South Carolina continuing education (“CE”) requirements as long as the nonresident real estate broker or associate has completed their CE requirements of their jurisdiction of residence. On May 14, 2025, the Commission voted to accept CE completed in another jurisdiction only if that jurisdiction also accepts CE completed in South Carolina.

As of May 29, 2025, the Commission entered into such a reciprocity agreement for CE with the Georgia Real Estate Commission. All Georgia residents who have completed their Georgia-approved CE will receive CE credit in South Carolina. To receive credit, Georgia residents must report their CE as an exemption through CE Broker prior to renewing their license, and this report will be required every two years to receive the exemption.

Expired License Renewals

S.C. Code §40-57-345 was created. This code section allows a person with an expired real estate license to apply for a renewal of that expired license if all of the following conditions apply:

- 1) At the time of expiration the license was in good standing;
- 2) The individual is at least 65 years old at the time of application for renewal of the expired license; and
- 3) The individual has 25 or more year of real estate licensure in South Carolina.

The applicant must still pay the renewal fee set out by law. When approved, the applicant is exempt from having to complete continuing education requirements.

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