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Date: 12/15/2017 11:20:08 AM
Subject: Re: Real Estate Licensing Procedures

Ok. Just let her know, and he'll talk to legislators about changes in 2018

From: Catherine McNicoll
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Danny Varat
Subject: RE: Real Estate Licensing Procedures

I haven't talked to LLR yet, but I just did a little digging.

Is it true that you cannot study online? Yes by statute and by regulation

Is there a bill to change it? No, also the statutes were just completely rewritten in 2016 and the regulations were completely rewritten this year, and they require classroom instruction with some of the most strict attendance and classroom time guidelines I've seen since cosmetology.

Best Regards,
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Subject: Re: Real Estate Licensing Procedures

Ask LLR, and let's respond from LG. Are there any bills?

From: Catherine McNicoll
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:42 AM
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My inclination is to ask LLR to respond. Thoughts?

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From: russell Dickard [<mailto:russelkimmad@att.net>]
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To: Lt. Governor's Office <LtGov@scstatehouse.gov>
Subject: Real Estate Licensing Procedures
Good Afternoon,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my disappointment in the current law in SC that requires pre licensing real estate courses

to be taken in a classroom setting versus an online opportunity to obtain the license. It has been a dream of mine, as small as that is, to become a real estate agent before the good Lord takes me from this earth. As a mother, wife, and full time working woman (40 hours a week), it is impossible for me to take the required number of weeks out of my schedule to take these courses in a classroom setting. SC is one of the very few states that does not allow online courses for real estate licensing. I have contemplated moving to another state just to be able to follow my dream and be able to access my courses online. I understand this is minimal and not of very much importance, but I feel that allowing the courses to be taken online would help other women like myself (and men) to be able to follow this dream if that is their desire.

I had contacted the SC School of Real Estate in Columbia regarding this as their website is very conflicting in that it gives the appearance that these can be taken online. I was instructed that they are not available online but that it was being considered. I am 44 years old and am still waiting on my chance to obtain my real estate license. I would love to just be able to leave my current position and take the courses, but unfortunately, my family has a budget that has to be met every month, not to mention health insurance. It really seems like a shame that it is not a little more accessible for those that have to work for a living to be able to obtain their necessary education online. I realize that night classes are offered, but due to my husband's work schedule, that is not an option for me either.

I would like to find out if, by chance, this is in fact being considered to allow the licensing courses to be taken online for SC in the near future. I realize that there are much more important subjects and inquiries out there at this time. However, this one is important to me as a working mom who is just trying to follow her small dream of being able to take the courses and obtain my real estate license. Your response is greatly appreciated and thank you for your time.

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