

General Assembly

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LCO No. 2378



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by: (INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING WHOLESALING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2025*) (a) For the purposes of this section:
- 3 (1) "Real estate wholesaler" means any person that enters into a 4 wholesaler agreement with a seller of residential real property for the 5 purpose of any sale, assignment or transfer of such wholesaler 6 agreement to a third party; and
- 7 (2) "Wholesaler agreement" means any purchase and sale contract 8 between a real estate wholesaler and a seller of residential real property 9 that transfers a future interest in the purchase of such residential real 10 property to a third party.
- 11 (b) On and after January 1, 2025, any real estate wholesaler, prior to 12 entering into a wholesaler agreement with a seller of residential real 13 property, shall disclose, in writing, to such seller of residential real 14 property, that such real estate wholesaler:

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- 15 (1) Intends to sell or assign such wholesaler agreement for a profit;
- 16 (2) Does not represent the seller of the residential real property or 17 such seller's financial interest; and

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- (3) Intends to market the seller's residential real property for sale to prospective buyers or assignees of such residential real property.
 - (c) (1) On and after January 1, 2025, any seller of residential real property, prior to entering into a wholesaler agreement with a real estate wholesaler, shall provide to such real estate wholesaler a written residential condition report pursuant to the provisions set forth in section 20-327b of the general statutes, and comply with any federal reporting requirements, as applicable.
- (2) Such real estate wholesaler shall provide to a prospective buyer or assignee of such wholesaler agreement any such residential condition report produced by the seller of such residential real property pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- (d) Any real estate wholesaler, before transferring such wholesaler's interest in a wholesaler agreement to a prospective buyer or assignee of such wholesaler agreement, shall disclose, in writing, to such prospective buyer or assignee, the following information:
- 34 (1) Such prospective buyer's or assignee's rights as set forth in the wholesaler agreement;
- 36 (2) Identification of such real estate wholesaler as a real estate 37 wholesaler who holds a future interest in the purchase of such 38 residential real property; and
- 39 (3) Notice that such real estate wholesaler may not be able to assign 40 such wholesaler's future interest in such residential real property.
 - (e) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection, if a real estate wholesaler violates any provision of this section, the seller of such residential real property may, at any time prior

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- to closing, terminate a wholesaler agreement, without penalty, and such seller shall retain any deposit paid to such seller by such real estate wholesaler in accordance with the terms of such wholesaler agreement.
- (2) Any seller of residential real property who has attained the age of sixty-five years may, at any time prior to closing and without cause, terminate a wholesaler agreement, without penalty, by providing written notice to the real estate wholesaler and returning any deposit paid by such real estate wholesaler in accordance with the terms of such wholesaler agreement.
 - (f) Any wholesaler agreement between a seller and a real estate wholesaler shall be valid for a period not to exceed six months from the date of execution of such wholesaler agreement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2025	New section

Statement of Purpose:

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To regulate wholesaling agreements between real estate wholesalers and sellers of residential real property in this state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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