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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 126

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Thank you, Chairman Iden and Members of the House Regulatory Reform committee for allowing me to offer written testimony today on Senate Bill 126.

I apologize that Senate Majority Floor Leader Kowall and I are not physically present to testify in Committee due to Senate Session.

Senate Bill 126 would clarify that a Real Estate Licensee may take their non-legal continuing education at any time during the licensing cycle. The code would still require that each licensee takes 2-hours of legal continuing education each year of the cycle.

However, the legislation would ensure that remaining requirements could be satisfied at any time during the licensing cycle. As a result of PA 502 of 2016 which was unanimously passed through the House and Senate last year, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs may now establish the length of the licensing cycle by rule.

Senate Bill 126 would simply ensure that, regardless of the length of the cycle, a licensee would have reasonable flexibility in satisfying their continuing education requirements. This has long been the practice for Real Estate licensees. The Department and Michigan Realtors are in support of this clarification.

This legislation passed the Senate on March 14, 2017, 36 to 1.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation.