

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 518

H. P. 389

House of Representatives, January 31, 1973

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Kilroy of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Outside Signs at Offices of and Increasing Fees of Change of Location of Real Estate Brokers.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 4117, amended. The first paragraph of section 4117 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 14 of chapter 468 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

Every resident real estate broker holding an active license shall maintain a fixed and definite place of business in this State, affording the public the right of privacy to which a person is entitled when discussing or revealing personal affairs and finances, occupied either continually or at regular periods by himself or a licensee where he may be contacted without unreasonable delay and shall place and maintain a sign in a conspicuous place on the premises at or near the outside entrance to his principal office and all branch offices. The sign shall indicate that he is a real estate broker and his name shall be clearly shown thereon. Such sign shall be written in clear and legible letters of not less than 2 inches in height and shall be placed so that it can easily be observed. Any branch office shall be similarly staffed at regular periods by a licensee and identified as set forth. If the real estate broker maintains more than one place of business within the State, a duplicate license shall be issued to such broker for each branch office maintained and a fee of ~~2~~ \$5 shall be paid for each duplicate license. A fee of ~~2~~ \$5 shall be paid for a replacement license or a license for change of business location or branch office.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 4117, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 4117 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Notice in writing shall be given to the commission by each licensee of any change of principal business location no later than 10 days after the change of such location, whereupon the commission shall issue a new license for the unexpired period for a fee of ~~\$2~~ \$5.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this proposed legislation is to discontinue the requirement that signs be maintained outside brokers' places of business because they are costly, prohibited by some zoning ordinances, unsightly and degrading of the professional image that most licensees are attempting to achieve. Further, the cost of processing changes of address and branch office licenses is greater than the \$2 fee charged. The intent of this proposed legislation is to adjust the fee for processing these licenses to coincide with the actual cost.