



New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

Article 12-A Working Group REPORT

February 11, 2020

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Chair

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Vice-Chair

The Working Group approved the report from the September 23, 2019 meeting.

NYSAR staff provided an update on NYSAR-supported legislation requiring additional mandatory continuing education and the elimination of grandfathering as well as legislation clarifying the permissibility of licensed real estate professionals to perform certain property valuation tasks for appraisal management companies.

Staff provided an update on Article 12-A related legislation in NYSAR's 2020 Legislative Priorities and the Governor's Executive Budget, including an update on the independent contractor status of real estate licensees, a proposal to expand DEC oversight of wetlands and proposed reforms to the STAR program.

An update was provided on proposed real estate regulations regarding advertising properties not listed with the advertising broker and non-agency relationships.

NYSAR staff discussed proposed fair housing regulations by the Department of State requiring the notification and posting of fair housing laws, as well as requiring recording of fair housing continuing education coursework.

Staff discussed NYSAR efforts to address fair housing, including several proposals that would require statutory or regulatory changes. An update was provided on three bills to address fair housing, including legislation to increase the number of fair housing continuing education hours required from 3 to 6, to establish a paired testing program and to require annual fair housing testing by the New York State Attorney General.

The committee approved a motion to be sent to Legislative Steering in support of a recommendation by the Education Management Committee that would allow approved real estate schools or boards to offer continuing education courses in brokerage firms.