

Section 8.1. Investigatory Hearings Relating to Racial Problems.—
Whenever any problem of racial discrimination or racial tension arises,
the Commission may immediately hold an investigatory hearing. The
place of any such hearing shall be in the county where the problem
exists. The hearing may be public or private and the Commission shall
have the same powers as provided in clause (g) for hearings on
complaint filed.

The purpose of the hearing shall be to resolve the problem promptly
by the gathering of all the facts from all the interested parties and
making such recommendations as may be necessary.

The Commission shall not be bound by the strict rules of evidence
prevailing in courts of law or equity. The testimony taken at the
hearing shall be under oath and be transcribed.

Should the recommendations of the Commission not be accepted
within a reasonable time the Commission may, with the consent of
eight members, on its own behalf initiate a complaint and the hear-
ing findings and Commission order shall proceed the same as where a
complaint has been filed.

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AN ACT

HB 1518

Amending the act of May 1, 1929 (P. L. 1216), entitled "An act to define real estate brokers and real estate salesmen; and providing for the licensing, regulation, and supervision of resident and non-resident real estate brokers and real estate salesmen and their business," further regulating suspension and revocation of licenses.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10, act of May 1, 1929 (P. L. 1216), known as the "Real Estate Brokers License Act of one thousand

nine hundred and twenty-nine," is amended by adding at the end thereof, ¹ five new clauses to read:

Section 10. (a) The commission may, upon its own motion, and shall, promptly, upon the verified complaint in writing of any person setting forth specifically the wrongful act or acts complained of, investigate any action or business transaction of any licensed real estate broker or real estate salesman; and shall have the power temporarily to suspend or permanently to revoke licenses theretofore issued by the department, under the provisions of this act, at any time when, after due proceedings as hereinafter provided, it shall find the holder thereof to have been guilty,

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(14) Of accepting listings on an understanding that illegal discrimination in the sale or rental of housing is to be practiced due to race, color, religious creed, ancestry or national origin of a prospective lessee or purchaser.

(15) Of giving false information for purposes of discrimination in the rental or sale of housing due to race, color, religious creed, ancestry or national origin of a prospective lessee or purchaser.

(16) Of making distinctions in location of housing or dates of availability of housing for purposes of discrimination in the rental or sale of such housing due to race, color, religious creed, ancestry or national origin of a prospective lessee or purchaser.

(17) Of violating the provisions of the act of October 27, 1955 (P. L. 744), known as the "Pennsylvania Human Relations Act," or if he deals in a discriminatory manner with any individual desiring to rent or purchase housing accommodations because of the person's race, religious creed, or national origin.

(18) An appeal from the decision of the State Real Estate Commission shall act as a supersedeas and stay any action until a final decision on said appeal.

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