



**POLICY STATEMENT
LICENSE RENEWAL**

Background

The Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, under the purview of the Department of State, provide administrative and legal support to twenty-seven (27) professional and occupational licensing boards and commissions. One such commission is the State Real Estate Commission, which is responsible for the licensing, renewal, and discipline of real estate licensees in the Commonwealth.

In Pennsylvania, real estate licensees must renew their licenses on a biennial basis. The Governor and the General Assembly are consistently investigating avenues to accumulate budgetary funds. One such avenue would require individuals to gain tax clearance in order to renew licenses, permits and registrations.

PAR Position

While PAR does not condone tax delinquency, as a licensed profession, REALTORS® would be extremely impacted with passage of any legislation seeking to require tax clearance for renewal of licenses. As real estate salespersons must be attached to a broker at all times, they would not be able to renew their licenses and continue to work if their broker does not receive tax clearance. Further, by targeting only licensed professions, there is a lack of consistency applied to all tax paying citizens of the Commonwealth.

Verifying tax clearance would be an additional administrative burden on the licensing agencies. The State Real Estate Commission is already overburdened with administrative duties including license applications, license renewals, and continuing education verification.

*Approved by the PAR Board of Directors
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