

PAR CAPITOL REPORT

September 2021

Update on Livestream Education

PAR has been working with the State Real Estate Commission and General Assembly to allow real estate education to be offered via livestream permanently. Real estate licensees currently are able to complete continuing education credits through livestream learning methods under waivers first issued by the Department of State during the pandemic and extended by the General Assembly in June. This latest waiver extension is set to expire on Sept. 30.

PAR worked to introduce legislation to amend the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act to allow for livestream education. In the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Rep. Todd Polinchock (R-Bucks) introduced **House Bill 1849** which would amend RELRA to address this issue.

The statutory change will allow livestream learning methods to continue while the State Real Estate Commission works through their regulatory process to codify livestream learning methods permanently.

Watch for additional updates in **PAR JustListed** and this newsletter.

Legislative Update

The Pennsylvania General Assembly returns to session on Monday, Sept. 20, with the House and Senate both scheduled to be in session during the last two weeks of the month. Their initial priority is expected to be legislation dealing with some of the regulatory waivers issued during the pandemic that are scheduled to expire on Sept. 30.

Many of these regulatory provisions were determined to be antiquated and unnecessary and the House and Senate intend to pass legislation as quickly as possible to make the effect of the waivers permanent. The real estate education livestream learning waiver is a part of this legislative effort.

Victory on Eviction Moratorium

The U.S. Supreme Court ended the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention eviction moratorium giving much-needed relief to America's small housing providers facing financial hardship for more than a year. **In a 6-3 ruling**, a majority of justices agreed that the stay on the lower court's order finding the CDC's eviction moratorium to be unlawful was no longer justified.

The case was brought by the Georgia and Alabama Associations of Realtors® and other property providers, with NAR's help. NAR cautions housing providers that some state and local governments may still have their own eviction moratoria in place. **State information on eviction moratorium and rent relief.**