



## Legislative Update 2.21.23



### **HB 62 – Wholesaling Real Estate Passes the House**

Last week, Kentucky REALTORS® (KYR) President Elizabeth Monarch joined Speaker Pro Tem Meade at the testifying table to present HB 62 to the House Licensing and Occupations Committee. The bill passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation and was sent to the House Floor.

On Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, right House Bill 62 passed on the House of Representatives Floor with a 94-0 vote! We would like to thank Speaker Pro Tem David Meade for carrying this important consumer protection legislation. The Bill will now head to the Senate Licensing and Occupations Committee for approval.

Those of you that are SPCs for a member of the Kentucky Senate – especially Licensing and Occupations Committee members, get ready! If you do not know the contact information for your Senator, [please click here](#) to be redirected to the Legislative Research Commission’s “Contact a Member” webpage. OR you can call the leave a message for your legislator on the Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181.

Here are a couple of important links for HB 62:

[Wholesaling Real Estate One-Pager](#)

[HB 62 - Wholesaling Real Estate Bill](#)

### **Legislative Reception and REALTOR® Hill Day were a success!**

The night before Hill Day, KYR held its annual Legislative Reception at Goodwood Brewery in Frankfort, KY. This year’s reception may be the largest one KYR has had to date. Goodwood was packed with our members and legislators. Thank you to all of you that joined us that night for great food and networking.

On Thursday of last week, REALTORS® from all over Kentucky met in Frankfort for our annual REALTOR® Hill Day. We started off the day with the Jess Kinman Award presentation in the House Chamber. This year’s recipient of the Jess Kinman Award is Representative Michael Meredith. Representative Meredith is a true REALTOR® Champion and one that we are proud to call a friend of our Association. He resides in Oakland, KY where he is a loan officer at Bank of Edmonson.

Rep. Meredith is the Chair of the House Banking and Insurance Committee, and a member of the House Licensing and Occupations Committee and Local Government Committee. Having served as a Co-Chair of the County Clerk Modernization Task Force, he was instrumental in helping the County Clerk offices in KY modernize their practices with the County Clerk Modernization Bill last session.

I would also like to thank First Federal Savings Bank in Frankfort for their continued partnership on this award. First Federal will contribute \$500 to the charity of Rep. Michael Meredith’s choice.

Please join me in congratulating this year’s Jess Kinman Award recipient, Representative Michael Meredith. Once the Jess Kinman Award presentation was completed, REALTORS® were able to meet with their legislators in the Annex and the Capitol Building. Here are a few pictures from Hill Day.

**Pictures from REALTOR® Hill Day**



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[Link to KYR Bill Tracker](#)

### **Supported Bills (3):**

**HB62** (Meade, D) – This is the Real Estate Wholesaling legislation that KYR is running this session. Again, we are not seeking to ban or prohibit the practice of real estate wholesaling. We are asking that it be a licensed activity through the Kentucky Real Estate Commission.

**HB151** (Williams, W) – This bill will allow a person to qualify for licensure as a land surveyor if he or she has graduated from a two-year board approved program and has obtained a minimum of six years of progressive experience in land surveying, with four of those years under the direct supervision of a practicing land surveyor.

**SB54** (Carpenter, J) – will allow proprietary schools and qualified proprietary school programs to use KEES funds for enrollment.

### **Opposed Bills (3):**

**HB95** (Kulkarni, N) - This measure would specify the duties of a landlord with respect to abandoned personal property.

**HB128** (Kulkarni, N) - This legislation would apply the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act across the Commonwealth. The QRT feels this should be left up to the locals to implement, not a statewide mandate.

**HB215** (Smith, T) – This will remove the population requirement and the one percent occupational license fee rate limitation. Also, it will allow the crediting of city and county occupational license fees by agreement only.

The QRT is **Monitoring 15** other pieces of legislation.

You can expect to receive KYR's Legislative Update every Monday during the session. We will keep you informed of the bills KYR is tracking (what we consider priority legislation that is both positive and negative) and tell you when we need your voices to be heard by our legislators. As always, please contact Richard Wilson, KYR Governmental Affairs Director, at [rwilson@kyrealtors.com](mailto:rwilson@kyrealtors.com) if you have questions or need information regarding the Kentucky General Assembly.

## **2023 Moto for Government Affairs**

### **"FOCUS"**

**F – Fearless.** We are going to be fearless in our advocacy efforts. Your staff at KYR and your Government Affairs Committee (and QRT) will work fearlessly on your behalf to ensure the members of Kentucky REALTORS® are protected from harmful and burdensome regulation/legislation.

**O – Operation mindset.** KYR seeks constant improvement for our members. We will lead with the operational mindset of emphasizing the efficiency and importance of our membership and the consumer.

**C – Continuous communication.** Throughout the session and the interim period, we will strive to effectively communicate with our membership on all things related to your business in Frankfort.

**U – Universal commitment.** KYR is going to have a universal commitment to our members and affiliate partners.

**S – Steadfast.** We are going to be steadfast in enhancing the REALTOR® brand.

### **Upcoming Events**

**2023 NAR REALTORS® Legislative Meetings – May 6-11 in Washington, D.C.**

### **Helpful Links**

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