

KIM REYNOLDS GOVERNOR

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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May 3, 2023

The Honorable Paul Pate Secretary of State of Iowa State Capitol Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary.

I hereby transmit:

House File 607, an Act relating to real estate licensee liability.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

Kin Reynolds

Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate

Clerk of the House



House File 607

## AN ACT

RELATING TO REAL ESTATE LICENSEE LIABILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 543B.62, Code 2023, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. a. A licensee providing brokerage services to a client shall not be in possession of the client's real estate. A licensee may enter upon the premises of a client's real estate to fulfill the licensee's obligations pursuant to section 543B.3, section 543B.6, or pursuant to a written agreement between the licensee and the client.

- b. A licensee has no duty of care with regard to a client's real estate or with regard to a person entering, viewing, or traversing upon the premises of a client's real estate other than to fulfill the licensee's obligations pursuant to section 543B.3, section 543B.6, or pursuant to a written agreement between the licensee and the client.
- c. A licensee providing brokerage services to a client shall not be liable for damage to the client's real estate or for any physical injury, accident, or harm to a person entering, viewing, or traversing upon the premises of a client's real

estate unless the licensee is the direct and proximate cause of the damage, injury, accident, or harm.

d. A client shall be responsible for the care, maintenance, repair, condition, and safety of the client's real estate that is being offered to sell, exchange, buy, or rent to a person.

PAT GRASSLEY

Speaker of the House

AMY SINCLAIR

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 607, Ninetieth General Assembly.

MEGHAN NELSON

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved MAy 300, 2023

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Governor