Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure 2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER: H343

TITLE: An Act requiring fair housing education for all real estate licensees

SPONSOR(S): Chan, Tackey

HEARING DATE: April 14, 2025

REPORTING DEADLINE: June 13, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY

(2021-2022): H333 – Accompanied S2675; Bill reported favorably by Committee; Referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means.

(2023-2024): H265 – Accompanied S166; Bill reported favorably by Committee and referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means.

CURRENT LAW

Section 87SS of Chapter 112 of the General Laws governs real estate brokers and salesmen, applicants for license, requisites, examinations, and rules and regulations.

Section 87XX1/2 of Chapter 112 of the General Laws governs real estate brokers and salesmen, continuing education, and certification of course completion.

SUMMARY

This legislation seeks to specify that 4 of the 40 classroom hours required to take the salesmen licensure exam be devoted to fair housing law or diversity and inclusion in real estate. This legislation also seeks to specify that at least 2 of the 6-12 required continuing education hours required for license renewal be devoted to fair housing law or diversity and inclusion in real estate.