

HB 2016 Condominium and Property Owners' Association Acts; delivery of resale certificates packets, etc.

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Summary as passed: (all summaries)

Condominium and Property Owners' Association Acts; insurance; deposit of funds; charges for and delivery of resale certificates/disclosure packets. Requires any managing agent of a condominium and property owners' association to keep funds deposited with the managing agent in fiduciary trust accounts in a federally insured financial institution, and to keep such funds segregated from other assets of the managing agent. The bill also requires condominium associations to obtain a blanket fidelity bond or employee dishonesty insurance policy in a minimum amount of \$10,000. The bill allows condominium and property owners' associations to collect a fee for preparation of a resale certificate or disclosure packet, respectively, if the fee is established in the contract between the association and its managing agent and the fee is disclosed on the website of either the association or the managing agent. The bill requires the prompt payment of the above fee to the managing agent who furnishes the resale certificate/disclosure packet. The bill allows either type of association to deliver the resale certificate/disclosure packet by electronic means unless the purchaser or seller requests a paper copy. Currently, delivery by electronic means can only be done with the consent of the seller or purchaser. The bill contains technical amendments. The bill is identical to SB 844.

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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2007 SESSION

CHAPTER 696

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 55-79.81, 55-79.97, 55-511, and 55-512 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 55-79.74:01 and 55-514.2, relating to the Condominium and Property Owners' Association Acts; insurance; deposit of funds; charges for and delivery of resale certificates/disclosure packets.

[H 2016]

Approved March 21, 2007

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 55-79.81, 55-79.97, 55-511, and 55-512 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 55-79.74:01 and 55-514.2 as follows:

§ 55-79.74:01. Deposit of funds.

All funds deposited with a managing agent shall be handled in a fiduciary capacity and shall be kept in a fiduciary trust account in a federally insured financial institution separate from other assets of the managing agent. The funds shall be the property of the unit owners' association and shall be segregated for each account in the records of the managing agent in a manner that permits the funds to be identified on an individual unit owners' association basis.

§ 55-79.81. Insurance.

A. The condominium instruments may require the unit owners' association, or the executive organ or managing agent on behalf of such association, to obtain:

1. A master casualty policy affording fire and extended coverage in an amount consonant with the full replacement value of the structures within the condominium, or of such structures that in whole or in part comprise portions of the common elements.

2. A master liability policy, in an amount specified by the condominium instruments, covering the unit owners' association, the executive organ, if any, the managing agent, if any, all persons acting or who may come to act as agents or employees of any of the foregoing with respect to the condominium, and all unit owners and other persons entitled to occupy any unit or other portion of the condominium.

3. Such other policies as may be required by the condominium instruments, including, without limitation, workers' compensation insurance, liability insurance on motor vehicles owned by the association, and specialized policies covering lands or improvements in which the unit owners' association has or shares ownership or other rights.

B. *Any unit owners' association collecting assessments for common expenses shall obtain and maintain a blanket fidelity bond or employee dishonesty insurance policy covering the officers, directors, and persons employed by the unit owners' association, and any managing agent and employees of the managing agent. Such bond or insurance policy shall provide a minimum of \$10,000 in coverage. The executive organ or managing agent may obtain such bond or insurance on behalf of the unit owners' association.*

C. When any policy of insurance has been obtained by or on behalf of the unit owners' association, written notice of the obtainment thereof and of any subsequent changes therein or termination thereof shall be promptly furnished to each unit owner by the officer required to send notices of meetings of the unit owners' association. Such notices shall be sent in accordance with the provisions of subsection A of § 55-79.75.

§ 55-79.97. Resale by purchaser.

A. In the event of any resale of a condominium unit by a unit owner other than the declarant, and subject to the provisions of subsection J and § 55-79.87 A, the unit owner shall disclose in the contract that (i) the unit is located within a development which is subject to the Condominium Act, (ii) the Act requires the seller to obtain from the unit owners' association a resale certificate and provide it to the purchaser, (iii) the purchaser may cancel the contract within three days after receiving the resale certificate, (iv) the purchaser has a right to request an update of the resale certificate in accordance with subsection D, and (v) the right to receive the resale certificate and the right to cancel the contract are waived conclusively if not exercised before settlement.

B. If the contract does not contain the disclosure required by subsection A, the purchaser's sole remedy is to cancel the contract prior to settlement.

C. The information contained in the resale certificate shall be current as of a date specified on the resale certificate. The purchaser may cancel the contract (i) within three days after the date of the contract, if the purchaser receives the resale certificate on or before the date that the purchaser signs the contract; (ii) within three days after receiving the resale certificate if the resale certificate is hand delivered or delivered with the consent of the purchaser by electronic means and a receipt obtained; or

(iii) within six days after the postmark date if the resale certificate is sent to the purchaser by United States mail. Notice of cancellation shall be hand delivered or sent by United States mail, return receipt requested, to the unit owner selling the unit or his agent provided to the unit owner or his agent by one of the following methods:

- a. Hand delivery;
- b. United States mail, postage prepaid, provided the sender retains sufficient proof of mailing, which may be either a United States postal certificate of mailing or a certificate of service prepared by the sender confirming such mailing;
- c. Electronic means provided the sender retains sufficient proof of the electronic delivery, which may be an electronic receipt of delivery, a confirmation that the notice was sent by facsimile, or a certificate of service prepared by the sender confirming the electronic delivery; or
- d. Overnight delivery using a commercial service or the United States Postal Service.

In the event of a dispute, the sender shall have the burden to demonstrate delivery of the notice of cancellation. Such cancellation shall be without penalty, and the unit owner shall cause any deposit to be returned promptly to the purchaser. The unit owners' association may also send the resale certificate by electronic means with the consent of the seller and the purchaser unless either the seller or the purchaser requests a paper certificate.

A resale certificate shall include the following:

1. An appropriate statement pursuant to subsection H of § 55-79.84 which need not be notarized and, if applicable, an appropriate statement pursuant to § 55-79.85;
2. A statement of any expenditure of funds approved by the unit owners' association or the executive organ which shall require an assessment in addition to the regular assessment during the current or the immediately succeeding fiscal year;
3. A statement, including the amount, of all assessments and any other fees or charges currently imposed by the unit owners' association and associated with the purchase, disposition and maintenance of the condominium unit and the use of the common elements, and the status of the account;
4. A statement whether there is any other entity or facility to which the unit owner may be liable for fees or other charges;
5. The current reserve study report or a summary thereof, a statement of the status and amount of any reserve or replacement fund and any portion of the fund designated for any specified project by the executive organ;
6. A copy of the unit owners' association's current budget or a summary thereof prepared by the unit owners' association and a copy of the statement of its financial condition for the last fiscal year for which a statement is available, including a statement of the balance due of any outstanding loans of the unit owners' association;
7. A statement of the nature and status of any pending suits or unpaid judgments to which the unit owners' association is a party which either could or would have a material impact on the association or the unit owners or which relates to the unit being purchased;
8. A statement setting forth what insurance coverage is provided for all unit owners by the unit owners' association, including any fidelity bond maintained by the unit owners' association, and what additional insurance coverage would normally be secured by each individual unit owner;
9. A statement that any improvements or alterations made to the unit, or the limited common elements assigned thereto, by the prior unit owner are not in violation of the condominium instruments;
10. A copy of the current bylaws, rules and regulations and architectural guidelines adopted by the unit owners' association and the amendments thereto;
11. A statement of whether the condominium or any portion thereof is located within a development subject to the Property Owners' Association Act (§ 55-508 et seq.) of Chapter 26 of this title;
12. A copy of the notice given to the unit owner by the unit owners' association of any current or pending rule or architectural violation;
13. Certification, if applicable, that the association has filed with the Real Estate Board the annual report required by § 55-79.93:1; which certification shall indicate the filing number assigned by the Real Estate Board and the expiration date of such filing; and
14. A statement of any limitation on the number of persons who may occupy a unit as a dwelling.

Failure to receive copies of such documents shall not excuse any failure to comply with the provisions thereof.

The resale certificate, once received by the owner from the unit owners' association, shall be delivered by the owner to the purchaser. The unit owners' association shall have no obligation to deliver the resale certificate to the purchaser of the unit. The resale certificate shall not, in and of itself, be deemed a security within the meaning of § 13.1-501.

D. The purchaser may submit a copy of the contract to the unit owners' association with a request for assurance that statements previously furnished pursuant to subsection C remain materially unchanged, or, if there have been material changes, a statement specifying such changes. The purchaser shall be provided with such assurances or such statement within ten days of the receipt of such request by the unit owners' association. The purchaser may be required to pay the same fee charged a unit owner for

the resale certificate, if any. Any fee shall reflect the actual cost incurred by the unit owners' association in providing the assurances, but shall not exceed \$0.10 per page in copying costs or a total of \$50 for all costs incurred in updating the resale certificate. The unit owners' association may also collect from the purchaser the actual costs incurred of any mailing or delivery requested by the purchaser pursuant to this subsection. In no event, however, shall the unit owners' association require reimbursement of any costs not expressly authorized in this subsection. Nor shall the unit owners' association charge any other fee for the preparation or issuance of such resale certificate or making such certificate available by electronic means except as expressly provided in this subsection.

E. In the absence of a written agreement to the contrary, the failure of the unit owners' association to provide the statement required by subsection D or the disclosure by such statement that there have been one or more material changes shall render the purchase contract void at the option of the purchaser.

F. The unit owners' association shall furnish the resale certificate upon the written request of any unit owner within 14 days of the receipt of such request. Payment of the actual costs of preparing the resale certificate may be required of the unit owner requesting it as a prerequisite to its issuance, but the total fee shall not exceed \$0.10 per page in copying costs or a total of \$100, including and not in addition to, any fee charged pursuant to subsection H of § 55-79.84 and § 55-79.85, for all costs incurred in preparing the resale certificate, ~~except that. However,~~ the unit owners' association, ~~upon mutual agreement with the seller,~~ may:

1. Upon mutual agreement with the seller, collect for actual costs incurred, in addition to any fee charged pursuant to this subsection (i) a:

a. A rush fee, not to exceed \$25, for furnishing the resale certificate within three business days from the actual receipt of the request; (ii) the

b. The actual cost of any mailing or delivery requested by the seller pursuant to this subsection; and (iii) any

c. Any actual cost incurred at the request and with the consent of the purchaser; and

2. Collect a reasonable fee for preparing the resale certificate, not to exceed \$325, if the amount of the fee (i) reflects actual cost, (ii) is established in the contract between the unit owners' association and any managing agent, and (iii) is disclosed on the unit owners' association's website or the website of its managing agent. Neither the unit owners' association nor its management agent, if any, shall require cash or certified funds unless the unit owner is delinquent in any payments due to the unit owners' association in excess of 30 days or if a check of the unit owner made payable to the unit owners' association was returned for insufficient funds within the last six months. In no event, however, shall the unit owners' association require reimbursement of any costs not expressly authorized in this subsection. Nor shall the unit owners' association charge any other fee for the preparation or issuance of such resale certificate or making such certificate available by electronic means except as expressly provided in this subsection.

Except to the extent that the condominium instruments provide otherwise, any unit owners' association authorized to charge a fee for the furnishing of a resale certificate pursuant to this subsection shall promptly pay the fee to the managing agent where the managing agent furnishes the resale certificate and shall assess the fee against the unit for which the certificate was prepared. The fee shall be treated as an assessment against the unit owner's condominium unit for the purposes of § 55-79.84. The purchaser shall not be responsible for payment of the fee. The maximum allowable amount of such fee shall adjust annually based on the annual increases in the United States Average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor.

G. When a resale certificate has been issued as required by this section, the unit owners' association shall, as to the purchaser, be bound by the statements set forth therein as to the status of the assessment account and the status of the unit with respect to any violation of the condominium instruments as of the date of the resale certificate unless the purchaser had actual knowledge that the contents of the resale certificate were in error.

H. If the unit owners' association has been requested to furnish the resale certificate required by this section and has been paid the appropriate fee, its failure to provide the resale certificate in substantially the form provided herein within fourteen days from the actual receipt of the request by an officer, director or agent of the unit owners' association shall be deemed a waiver of any claim for delinquent assessments or of any violation of the condominium instruments, rules and regulations, or architectural guidelines existing as of the date of the request with respect to the subject unit. The unit owners' association shall be liable to the seller in an amount equal to the actual damages sustained by the seller in an amount not to exceed \$500. The purchaser shall nevertheless be obligated to abide by the condominium instruments, rules and regulations, and architectural guidelines of the unit owners' association as to all matters arising after the date of the settlement of the sale. The settlement agent, as defined in § 6.1-2.20, when transmitting funds to a unit owners' association or otherwise upon request, shall provide the unit owners' association with (i) the name of the seller, (ii) the name and address of the purchaser, (iii) the address of the subject property, (iv) the date of settlement, and (v) a brief explanation of the application of any funds transmitted. Providing a copy of the HUD-1 settlement

statement, unless otherwise prohibited, shall satisfy these requirements.

I. Subject to the provisions of § 55-79.87, but notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the provisions and requirements of this section shall apply to any such resale of a condominium unit created under the provisions of the Horizontal Property Act (§ 55-79.1 et seq.).

J. The resale certificate required by this section need not be provided in the case of:

1. A disposition of a unit by gift;
2. A disposition of a unit pursuant to court order if the court so directs; or
3. A disposition of a unit by foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure.

K. In any transaction in which a resale certificate is required and a trustee acts as the seller in the sale or resale of a unit, the trustee shall obtain the resale certificate from the unit owners' association and provide the resale certificate to the purchaser.

§ 55-511. Contract disclosure statement; right of cancellation.

A. Subject to the provisions of subsection F of § 55-512, a person selling a lot shall disclose in the contract that (i) the lot is located within a development which is subject to the Virginia Property Owners' Association Act; (ii) the Act requires the seller to obtain from the property owners' association an association disclosure packet and provide it to the purchaser; (iii) the purchaser may cancel the contract within three days after receiving the association disclosure packet or being notified that the association disclosure packet will not be available; (iv) if the purchaser has received the association disclosure packet, the purchaser has a right to request an update of such disclosure packet in accordance with § 55-512; and (v) the right to receive the association disclosure packet and the right to cancel the contract are waived conclusively if not exercised before settlement.

For purposes of clause (iii), the association disclosure packet shall be deemed not to be available if (i) a current annual report has not been filed by the association with either the State Corporation Commission pursuant to § 13.1-936 or with the Real Estate Board pursuant to § 55-516.1, (ii) the seller has made a written request to the association that the packet be provided and no such packet has been received within 14 days in accordance with subsection E of § 55-512, or (iii) written notice has been provided by the association that a packet is not available.

B. If the contract does not contain the disclosure required by subsection A, the purchaser's sole remedy is to cancel the contract prior to settlement.

C. The information contained in the association disclosure packet shall be current as of a date specified on the association disclosure packet obtained by the seller in accordance with this section. The purchaser may cancel the contract: (i) within three days after the date of the contract, if on or before the date that the purchaser signs the contract, the purchaser receives the association disclosure packet or is notified that the association disclosure packet will not be available; (ii) within three days after receiving the association disclosure packet if the association disclosure packet or notice that the association disclosure packet will not be available is hand delivered or delivered with the consent of the purchaser by electronic means and a receipt obtained; or (iii) within six days after the postmark date if the association disclosure packet or notice that the association disclosure packet will not be available is sent to the purchaser by United States mail. The purchaser may also cancel the contract at any time prior to settlement if the purchaser has not been notified that the association disclosure packet will not be available and the association disclosure packet is not delivered to the purchaser. Notice of cancellation shall be hand delivered or sent by United States mail, return receipt requested, to the owner or his agent provided to the lot owner or his agent by one of the following methods:

1. Hand delivery;
2. United States mail, postage prepaid, provided the sender retains sufficient proof of mailing, which may be either a United States postal certificate of mailing or a certificate of service prepared by the sender confirming such mailing;
3. Electronic means provided the sender retains sufficient proof of the electronic delivery, which may be an electronic receipt of delivery, a confirmation that the notice was sent by facsimile, or a certificate of service prepared by the sender confirming the electronic delivery; or
4. Overnight delivery using a commercial service or the United States Postal Service.

In the event of a dispute, the sender shall have the burden to demonstrate delivery of the notice of cancellation. Such cancellation shall be without penalty, and the seller shall cause any deposit to be returned promptly to the purchaser. The association may also send the resale certificate association disclosure packet by electronic means with the consent of the seller and the purchaser unless either the seller or the purchaser requests a paper disclosure packet.

D. Whenever any contract is canceled based on a failure to comply with subsection A or C or pursuant to subsection B, any deposit or escrowed funds shall be returned within 30 days of the cancellation, unless the parties to the contract agreed upon a shorter period.

E. Any rights of the purchaser to cancel the contract provided by this chapter are waived conclusively if not exercised prior to settlement.

F. Except as expressly provided in this chapter, the provisions of this section and § 55-512 may not be varied by agreement, and the rights conferred by this section and § 55-512 may not be waived.

§ 55-512. Contents of association disclosure packet; other requirements.

A. Subject to the provisions of subsections C and F, the association shall make available to an owner or his authorized agent within 14 days after receipt of a written request therefor and receipt of the appropriate fee, an association disclosure packet, which, upon receipt, the seller shall deliver to the purchaser. The information contained in the association disclosure packet shall be current as of a date specified on the association disclosure packet. If hand or electronically delivered, the written request and fee are deemed received on the date of delivery. If sent by United States mail, the request and fee are deemed received six days after the postmark date. An association disclosure packet shall contain the following:

1. The name of the association and, if incorporated, the state in which the association is incorporated and the name and address of its registered agent in Virginia;

2. A statement of any expenditure of funds approved by the association or the board of directors which shall require an assessment in addition to the regular assessment during the current year or the immediately succeeding fiscal year;

3. A statement, including the amount of all assessments and any other mandatory fees or charges currently imposed by the association and associated with the purchase, disposition and maintenance of the lot and to the right of use of common areas, and the status of the account;

4. A statement whether there is any other entity or facility to which the lot owner may be liable for fees or other charges;

5. The current reserve study report or summary thereof, a statement of the status and amount of any reserve or replacement fund and any portion of the fund allocated by the board of directors for a specified project;

6. A copy of the association's current budget or a summary thereof prepared by the association, and a copy of its statement of income and expenses or statement of its financial condition for the last fiscal year for which such statement is available, *including a statement of the balance due of any outstanding loans of the association*;

7. A statement of the nature and status of any pending suit or unpaid judgment to which the association is a party which either could or would have a material impact on the association or its members or which relates to the lot being purchased;

8. A statement setting forth what insurance coverage is provided for all lot owners by the association, including any fidelity bond maintained by the association, and what additional insurance would normally be secured by each individual lot owner;

9. A statement that any improvement or alteration made to the lot, or uses made of the lot or common area assigned thereto by the prior lot owner, are not in violation of any of the instruments referred to in subdivision 12 of this subsection;

10. A statement setting forth any restriction, limitation, or prohibition on the right of a lot owner to place a sign on the owner's lot advertising the lot for sale;

11. A statement setting forth any restriction, limitation, or prohibition on the right of a lot owner to display any flag on the owner's lot including, but not limited to reasonable restrictions as to the size, place and manner of placement or display of such flag and the installation of any flagpole or similar structure necessary to display such flag;

12. A copy of the current declaration, the association's articles of incorporation and bylaws, and any rules and regulations or architectural guidelines adopted by the association;

13. A copy of the notice given to the lot owner by the association of any current or pending rule or architectural violation;

14. A copy of the fully completed one-page cover sheet developed by the Real Estate Board pursuant to § 54.1-2105.1; and

15. Certification, if applicable, that the association has filed with the Real Estate Board the annual report required by § 55-516.1; which certification shall indicate the filing number assigned by the Real Estate Board and the expiration date of such filing.

Failure to receive copies of such documents shall not excuse any failure to comply with the provisions thereof.

The disclosure packet, once received by the seller from the association, shall be delivered by the seller to the purchaser. The association shall have no obligation to deliver the disclosure packet to the purchaser of the lot. The disclosure packet required by this section, shall not, in and of itself, be deemed a security within the meaning of § 13.1-501.

B. The purchaser may submit a copy of the contract to the association with a request for assurance that the information required by this section previously furnished remains materially unchanged, or, if there have been material changes, a statement specifying such changes. The purchaser shall be provided with such assurances or such statement within 10 days of the receipt of such request by the association. The purchaser may be required to pay a fee for the preparation and issuance of the requested assurances. The fee shall reflect the actual cost incurred by the association in providing such assurances but shall not exceed \$0.10 per page of copying costs or a total of \$50 for all costs incurred in updating the association disclosure packet. The association may also collect from the purchaser the actual costs incurred of any mailing or delivery requested by the purchaser pursuant to this subsection. In no event,

however, shall the association require reimbursement of any costs not expressly authorized in this subsection. Nor shall the association charge any other fee for the preparation or issuance of such association disclosure packet or making such packet available by electronic means except as expressly provided in this subsection.

C. The association may charge a fee for the preparation and issuance of the disclosure packet required by this section. Any fee shall reflect the actual cost of the preparation of the packet, but shall not exceed \$0.10 per page of copying costs or a total of \$100 for all costs incurred in preparing the association disclosure packet, ~~except that~~. *However*, the association, ~~upon mutual agreement with the seller, may:~~

1. *Upon mutual agreement with the seller, collect for actual costs incurred, in addition to any fee charged pursuant to this subsection (i) a:*

a. A rush fee, not to exceed \$25, for furnishing the ~~resale certificate disclosure~~ *disclosure packet* within three business days from the actual receipt of the request; ~~(ii) the~~

b. The actual cost of any mailing or delivery requested by the seller pursuant to this subsection; and ~~(iii) any~~

c. Any actual cost incurred at the request and with the consent of the purchaser; and

2. *Collect a reasonable fee for preparing the association disclosure packet, not to exceed \$325, if the amount of the fee (i) reflects actual cost, (ii) is established in the contract between the association and any managing agent, and (iii) is disclosed on the association's website or the website of its managing agent.*

Neither the association nor its management agent, if any, shall require cash or certified funds unless the lot owner is delinquent in any payments due to the association in excess of 30 days or if a check of the lot owner made payable to the association was returned for insufficient funds within the last six months. In no event, however, shall the association require reimbursement of any costs not expressly authorized in this subsection. Nor shall the association charge any other fee for the preparation or issuance of such association disclosure packet or making such packet available by electronic means except as expressly provided in this subsection.

Any association authorized to charge a fee for the furnishing of a disclosure packet pursuant to this subsection shall promptly pay the fee to the managing agent where the managing agent furnishes the association disclosure packet and shall assess the fee against the lot owner for which the disclosure packet was prepared. The fee shall be treated as an assessment against the member's lot for the purposes of § 55-516. The purchaser shall not be responsible for payment of the fee. The maximum allowable amount of such fee shall adjust annually based on the annual increases in the United State Average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor.

D. When a disclosure packet has been issued as required by this section, the association shall, as to the purchaser, be bound by the statements set forth therein as to the status of the assessment account and the status of the lot with respect to any violation of any of the instruments referred to in subdivision 12 of subsection A as of the date of the statement unless the purchaser had actual knowledge that the contents of the disclosure packet were in error.

E. If the association has been requested to furnish the disclosure packet required by this section and has been paid the appropriate fee, its failure to provide the disclosure packet in substantially the form provided herein within 14 days from the actual receipt of the request by an officer, director or agent of the association shall be deemed a waiver of any claim for delinquent assessments or of any violation of the declaration, bylaws, rules and regulations, or architectural guidelines existing as of the date of the request with respect to the subject lot. The association shall be liable to the seller in an amount equal to the actual damages sustained by the seller in an amount not to exceed \$500. The purchaser shall nevertheless be obligated to abide by the declaration, bylaws, rules and regulations, and architectural guidelines of the association as to all matters arising after the date of the settlement of the sale. The settlement agent, as defined in § 6.1-2.20, when transmitting funds to the association or otherwise upon request, shall provide the association with (i) the name of the seller, (ii) the name and address of the purchaser, (iii) the address of the subject property, (iv) the date of settlement, and (v) a brief explanation of the application of any funds transmitted. Providing a copy of the HUD-1 settlement statement, unless otherwise prohibited, shall satisfy these requirements.

F. The contract disclosures required by § 55-511 and the disclosure packet required by this section need not be provided in the case of:

1. A disposition of a lot by gift;
2. A disposition of a lot pursuant to court order if the court so directs;
3. A disposition of a lot by foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure;
4. A disposition of a lot that is zoned for or otherwise restricted to nonresidential use; or
5. A disposition of a lot to a person or entity who is not acquiring the lot for his own residence or for the construction thereon of a dwelling unit to be occupied as his own residence, unless requested by such person or entity. If such disclosures are not requested, a statement in the contract of sale that the purchaser is not acquiring the lot for such purpose shall be conclusive and may be relied upon by the

seller of the lot. The person or entity acquiring the lot shall nevertheless be obligated to abide by the declaration, bylaws, rules and regulations, and architectural guidelines of the association as to all matters.

G. In any transaction in which a disclosure packet is required and a trustee acts as the seller in the sale or resale of a lot, the trustee shall obtain the disclosure packet from the association and provide the packet to the purchaser.

§ 55-514.2. Deposit of funds; fidelity bond.

A. All funds deposited with a managing agent shall be handled in a fiduciary capacity and shall be kept in a fiduciary trust account in a federally insured financial institution separate from other assets of the managing agent. The funds shall be the property of the association and shall be segregated for each account in the records of the managing agent in a manner that permits the funds to be identified on an individual association basis.

B. Any association collecting assessments for common expenses shall obtain and maintain a blanket fidelity bond or employee dishonesty insurance policy covering the officers, directors, and persons employed by the association, and any managing agent and employees of the managing agent. Such bond or insurance policy shall provide a minimum of \$10,000 in coverage. The board of directors or managing agent may obtain such bond or insurance on behalf of the association.

2. That the Real Estate Board shall revise the annual report form required by §§ 55-79.93:1 and 55-516.1 of the Code of Virginia to request the website address, if any, of a condominium unit owners' association or property owners' association, respectively, and of any company serving as the managing agent of a condominium unit owners' association or property owners' association.

3. That the Department of Professional and Occupation Regulation shall include the information provided pursuant to the second enactment of this act among the information posted on the Department's website.