

How to look up a Law, License Law, Rule or Regulation

On occasion there is need to clarify the use of a legal term or review a license law as it relates to a specific situation. Sometimes there is no clear right or wrong answer and the advice of legal counsel is necessary. However there are times when a specific reference to a license law or other law may set the record straight and resolve a confusing situation.

Some of the laws real estate professionals must be constantly aware of are License Laws, BRRETA, other State laws, Federal laws, Fair Housing Laws and local Zoning laws. *(Note: All of the words or phrases underlined in blue are direct links to that subject.)*

The GREC website provides access to the [State of Georgia Real Estate License Law and the Rules and Regulations and BRRETA](#). To look up a certain topic, it is easiest to go to the [link for the license law](#), then click [Title 43 Chapter 40](#) then Click the + by the [Title 43 Professions and Businesses](#) to open up the files, then scroll to number [40 Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons](#) and then select the topic from located by the [number of the law in the Georgia Code](#). It also helps to go back and look at the [Rules and Regulations](#) that more clearly break down the specific law. <http://www.grec.state.ga.us/about/relaw.html>

A printed book of the License Law can be purchased from LexisNexis. If there are [proposed changes to the license law](#), these are posted on the GREC website at www.grec.state.ga.us

To look up a law of the State of Georgia, there is a search tool at <http://www.legis.state.ga.us/search.php>. This can be helpful when a certain bill is pending legislation or a specific law must be found.

The following list links to some other laws pertinent to real estate professionals:

- Fair Housing Administration web address is simply @ www.fha.gov .
- Access to zoning codes all over the country can be found at www.municode.com.
- Employers and employees can find useful resources at the Georgia Department of Labor site at www.dol.state.ga.us
- The Federal Department of Labor site is also helpful to employers at [USDOL For Business](http://USDOL.For.Business).
- The Georgia Secretary of State site provides a search tool to find existing businesses as well as tools and resources for incorporation at www.sos.georgia.gov.
- Real estate licensees must also be aware of the Do Not Call laws that are accessible Georgia Law at <http://www.ganocall.com/> Federal at <http://www.ftc.gov/donotcall>

Whether it is state, federal or local issue web resources can not only save time but can provide insight to a confusing situation. Create a customized list of web sites of pertinent research tools for future reference.