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Cameras in the House and Preserving License Fees

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TODAY'S QUESTION

Can the listing agent or seller have cameras in a house that record movement and/or conversations between the buyer and the buyer's agent?

THE ANSWER

All potential buyers and their agents should assume there are cameras on any property you are viewing and act and speak accordingly. Many people have cameras as this has become commonplace for protection of property. If you are viewing a listing with a potential buyer, be aware that your every movement and conversation may be recorded. So that you do not give up negotiating power, you should instruct potential buyers to look at the property but save comments and questions for later follow up conversation.

COMMISSION NOTE—License Fees are Safe for Now

This is about as close as you can come to the end of the month. We have been waiting for the General Fund Budget to pass and head to the Governor's desk. After passing both the House and Senate, it moved on to conference committee to work out the House and Senate differences. Today, it is out of conference committee, both the House and the Senate have concurred on the compromise bill and it is headed to Governor Ivey's desk.

GOOD NEWS! It contains NO language to sweep funds from Boards and Commissions; hence your license fees are safe - for now. No doubt this is not the last of the attempts from the legislature to take license fees for the General Fund. All other bills that were introduced to sweep funds are dead for this session. Thank you to all who contacted legislators to ask them to preserve your license fees. Please thank them for their support.

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