

## ILLINOIS RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY DISCLOSURE ACT

### ARTICLE 2 DISCLOSURES – 765 ILCS 77/5 et. seq.

**Sec. 5. Definitions.** As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms have the meaning given in this Section: "Residential real property" means real property improved with not less than one nor more than 4 residential dwelling units; units in residential cooperatives; or, condominium units, including the limited common elements allocated to the exclusive use there of that form an integral part of the condominium unit. The term includes a manufactured home as defined in subdivision (53) of Section 9-102 of the Uniform Commercial Code that is real property as defined in the Conveyance and Encumbrance of Manufactured Homes as Real Property and Severance Act. "Seller" means every person or entity who:

- (1) is a beneficiary of an Illinois land trust; or
- (2) has an interest, legal or equitable, in residential property as:
  - (i) an owner;
  - (ii) a beneficiary of a trust;
  - (iii) a beneficiary pursuant to testate disposition, intestate succession, or a transfer on death instrument; or
  - (iv) a contract purchaser or lessee of a ground lease.

"Seller" does not include a party to a transfer that is exempt under Section 15. "Prospective buyer" means any person or entity negotiating or offering to become an owner or lessee of a ground lease of residential real property by means of a transfer for value to which this Act applies. "Contract" means a written agreement by the seller and prospective buyer that would, subject to the satisfaction of any negotiated contingencies, require the prospective buyer to accept a transfer of the residential real property. (765 ILCS 77/5) (Source: P.A. 98-749, eff. 7-16-14; 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 102-765, eff. 5-13-22.)

**Sec. 10.** Except as provided in Section 15, this Act applies to any transfer by sale, exchange, installment land sale contract, assignment of beneficial interest, lease with an option to purchase, ground lease, or assignment of ground lease of residential real property. (765 ILCS 77/10) (Source: P.A. 88-111.)

**Sec. 15. Seller Exemptions.** A seller in any of the following transfers is exempt from this Act, regardless of whether a disclosure report is delivered:

- (1) Transfers pursuant to court order, including, but not limited to, transfers ordered by a probate court in administration of an estate, transfers between spouses resulting from a judgment of dissolution of marriage or legal separation, transfers pursuant to an order of possession, transfers by a trustee in bankruptcy, transfers by eminent domain, and transfers resulting from a decree for specific performance.
- (2) Transfers from a mortgagor to a mortgagee by deed in lieu of foreclosure or consent judgment, transfer by judicial deed issued pursuant to a foreclosure sale to the successful bidder or the assignee of a certificate of sale, transfer by a collateral assignment of a beneficial interest of a land trust, or a transfer by a mortgagee or a successor in interest to the mortgagee's secured position or a beneficiary under a deed in trust who has acquired the real property by deed in lieu of foreclosure, consent judgment or judicial deed issued pursuant to a foreclosure sale.
- (3) Transfers by a fiduciary in the course of the administration of a decedent's estate, guardianship, conservatorship, or trust. As used in this paragraph, "trust" includes an Illinois land trust.
- (4) Transfers from one co-owner to one or more other co-owners.
- (5) Transfers from a decedent pursuant to testate disposition, intestate succession, or a transfer on death instrument.
- (6) Transfers made to a spouse, or to a person or persons in the lineal line of consanguinity of one or more of the sellers.
- (7) Transfers from an entity that has taken title to residential real property from a seller for the purpose of assisting in the relocation of the seller, so long as the entity makes available to all prospective buyers a copy of the disclosure report furnished to the entity by the seller.
- (8) Transfers to or from any governmental entity.
- (9) Transfers of newly constructed residential real property that has never been occupied. This does not include rehabilitation of existing residential real property. (765 ILCS 77/15) (Source: P.A. 88-111; 102-765, eff. 5-13-22.)

**Sec. 20. Disclosure report requirements.** A seller of residential real property shall complete all items in the disclosure report described in Section 35. The seller shall deliver to the prospective buyer the written disclosure report required by this Act before the signing of a contract. (765 ILCS 77/20) (Source: P.A. 88-111; 102-765, eff. 5-13-22.)

**Sec. 25. Liability of seller.** (a) The seller is not liable for any error, inaccuracy, or omission of any information delivered pursuant to this Act if (i) the seller had no knowledge of the error, inaccuracy, or omission, (ii) the error, inaccuracy, or omission was based on a reasonable belief that a material defect or other matter not disclosed had been corrected, or (iii) the error, inaccuracy, or omission was based on information provided by a public agency or by a licensed engineer, land surveyor, structural pest control operator, or by a contractor about matters within the scope of the contractor's occupation and the seller had no knowledge of the error, inaccuracy, or omission. (b) The seller shall disclose material defects of which the seller has actual knowledge. (c) The seller is not obligated by this Act to make any specific investigation or inquiry in an effort to complete the disclosure statement. (765 ILCS 77/25) (Source: P.A. 90-383, eff. 1-1-98.)

**Sec. 30. Disclosure report supplement.** If, prior to closing, any seller becomes aware of an error, inaccuracy, or omission in any prior disclosure report or supplement after delivery of that disclosure report or supplement to a prospective buyer, that seller shall supplement the prior disclosure report or supplement with a written supplemental disclosure, delivered by any method set forth in Section 50. (765 ILCS 77/30) (Source: P.A. 90-383, eff. 1-1-98; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 102-765, eff. 5-13-22.)

**Sec. 35. Disclosure report form.** The disclosures required of a seller by this Act shall be made in the following form: [See Reverse Side] (765 ILCS 77/35) (Source: P.A. 98-754, eff. 1-1-15; 102-765, eff. 5-13-22.)

**Sec. 40. Material defect.** (a) If a seller discloses a material defect in the Residential Real Property Disclosure Report, including a response to any statement that is answered "yes" except numbers 1 and 2, and, in violation of Section 20, it is delivered to the prospective buyer after all parties have signed a contract, the prospective buyer, within 5 business days after receipt of that report, may terminate the contract or other agreement with the return of all earnest money deposits or down payments paid by the prospective buyer in the transaction without any liability to or recourse by the seller. (b) If a seller discloses a material defect in a supplement to this disclosure report, the prospective buyer shall not have a right to terminate unless: (i) the material defect results from an error, inaccuracy, or omission of which the seller had actual knowledge at the time the prior disclosure was completed and signed by the seller; (ii) the material defect is not repairable prior to closing; or (iii) the material defect is repairable prior to closing, but within 5 business days after the delivery of the supplemental disclosure, the seller declines, or otherwise fails to agree in writing, to repair the material defect. (c) The right to terminate the contract, however, shall no longer exist after the conveyance of the residential real property. For purposes of this Act the termination shall be deemed to be made when written notice of termination is delivered to at least one of the sellers by any method set forth in Section 50, at the contact information provided by any seller or indicated in the contract or other agreement. Nothing in subsection (a) or (b) shall limit the remedies available under the contract or Section 55. (765 ILCS 77/40) (Source: P.A. 90-383, eff. 1-1-98; 102-765, eff. 5-13-22.)

**Sec. 45. Other law.** This Act is not intended to limit remedies or modify any obligation to disclose created by any other statute or that may exist in common law in order to avoid fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit in the transaction. (765 ILCS 77/45) (Source: P.A. 88-111; 102-765, eff. 5-13-22.)

**Sec. 50. Delivery of disclosure report.** Delivery of the Residential Real Property Disclosure Report provided by this Act shall be by: (1) personal delivery or facsimile, email, or other electronic delivery to the prospective buyer at the contact information provided by the prospective buyer or indicated in the contract or other agreement; (2) depositing the report with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, first class mail, addressed to the prospective buyer at the address provided by the prospective buyer or indicated on the contract or other agreement; or (3) depositing the report with an alternative delivery service such as Federal Express or UPS, delivery charges prepaid, addressed to the prospective buyer at the address provided by the prospective buyer or indicated on the contract or other agreement. For purposes of this Act, delivery to one prospective buyer is deemed delivery to all prospective buyers. Delivery to an authorized individual acting on behalf of a prospective buyer constitutes delivery to all prospective buyers. Delivery of the report is effective upon receipt by the prospective buyer. Receipt may be acknowledged on the report, acknowledged in an agreement for the conveyance of the residential real property, or shown in any other verifiable manner. (765 ILCS 77/50) (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 102-765, eff. 5-13-22.)

**Sec. 55. Violations and damages.** If the seller fails or refuses to provide the disclosure report prior to the conveyance of the residential real property, the prospective buyer shall have the right to terminate the contract. A seller who knowingly violates or fails to perform any duty prescribed by any provision of this Act or who discloses any information on the Residential Real Property Disclosure Report that the seller knows to be false shall be liable in the amount of actual damages and court costs, and the court may award reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the prevailing party. (765 ILCS 77/55) (Source: P.A. 90-383, eff. 1-1-98; 102-765, eff. 5-13-22.)

**Sec. 60.** No action for violation of this Act may be commenced later than one year from the earlier of the date of possession, date of occupancy, or date of recording of an instrument of conveyance of the residential real property. (765 ILCS 77/60) (Source: P.A. 88-111.)

**Sec. 65.** A copy of Sections 5 through 65 of Article 2 of this Act, excluding Section 35, must be printed on or as a part of the Residential Real Property Disclosure Report form. (765 ILCS 77/65) (Source: P.A. 88-111; 102-765, eff. 5-13-22.)

Date presented to Seller: 9/18/23

Buyers Initials: \_\_\_\_\_