600.3205d Housing counselors; list; prohibitions; violation of subsection (2) or (3) as misdemeanor; penalty; exception.

Sec. 3205d. (1) The Michigan state housing development authority shall develop a list of housing counselors approved by the United States department of housing and urban development or by the Michigan state housing development authority who may perform the duties of housing counselor under sections 3205a to 3205c.

(2) Subject to subsection (5), a person who is not on the list of housing counselors developed under this section shall not perform the duties of housing counselor under sections 3205a to 3205c.

(3) Subject to subsection (5), a person who is not on the list of housing counselors developed under this section shall not represent that the person is entitled to perform the duties of housing counselor under sections 3205a to 3205c.

(4) A person who violates subsection (2) or (3) is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than $2,000.00, or both.

(5) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to an attorney to whom both of the following apply:
   (a) The attorney is licensed to practice law in this state.
   (b) The attorney provides mortgage assistance relief services as part of his or her practice of law.


Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 302 of 2011 provides:
"Enacting section 1. Sections 3205a, 3205b, 3205c, and 3205d of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3205a, 600.3205b, 600.3205c, and 600.3205d, as amended by this amendatory act, apply to foreclosure proceedings in which the first notice under section 3205a of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3205a, is mailed to the mortgagor on or after February 1, 2012."