

Act No. 204  
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**Introduced by Senators Marleau, Richardville, Booher, Nofs, Pappageorge, Hunter, Hansen, Rocca and Gleason**

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 252**

AN ACT to amend 2003 PA 238, entitled "An act to provide for the qualification, appointment, and regulation of notaries; to provide for the levy, assessment, and collection of certain service charges and fees and to provide for their disposition; to create certain funds for certain purposes; to provide for liability for certain persons; to provide for the admissibility of certain evidence; to prescribe powers and duties of certain state agencies and local officers; to provide for remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 49 (MCL 55.309).

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 49. (1) Except as otherwise provided for in section 41(4) or as provided by law, a person who violates this act is guilty of 1 of the following:

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

(b) If the person knowingly violates this act when notarizing any document relating to an interest in real property or a mortgage transaction, a felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 4 years, or both.

(2) An action concerning a fee charged for a notarial act shall be filed in the district court in the place where the notarial act occurred.

(3) The penalties and remedies under this act are cumulative. The bringing of an action or prosecution under this act does not bar an action or prosecution under any other applicable law.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January 1, 2012.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

*Carol Morey Viventi*

Secretary of the Senate

*Jay E. Randall*

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved .....

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Governor