

Signed by the governor May 19, 1991, 7:12 p.m.

CHAPTER 113—H.F.No. 146

An act relating to commerce; regulating real estate closings; prohibiting persons from requiring the use of particular closing agents; authorizing the commissioner to adopt rules; amending Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 507.45, subdivision 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 507.45, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. (a) No real estate salesperson, broker, attorney, auctioneer, builder, title company, financial institution, or other person making a mortgage loan may require a ~~borrower~~ person to use any particular licensed attorney, real estate broker, real estate salesperson, or real estate closing agent in connection with a residential real estate closing.

(b) All listing agreements must include a notice informing sellers of their rights under this subdivision. The notice must require the seller to indicate in writing whether it is acceptable to the seller to have the licensee arrange for closing services or whether the seller wishes to arrange for others to conduct the closing. The notice must also include the disclosure of any controlled business arrangement, as the term is defined in United States Code, title 12, section 1602, between the licensee and the real estate closing agent through which the licensee proposes to arrange closing services.

(c) The commissioner of commerce may adopt rules under chapter 14 to implement, administer, and enforce this subdivision.

Presented to the governor May 16, 1991

Signed by the governor May 19, 1991, 7:16 p.m.

CHAPTER 114—H.F.No. 121

An act relating to education; encouraging a Minnesota international volunteer corps; amending Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 16B.88, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 16B.88, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.

Subd. 6. MINNESOTA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER CORPS. The office shall disseminate information about and encourage participation in the Minnesota international volunteer corps. The office shall convene representatives from public and private sector organizations to develop the framework for the corps. The Minnesota international volunteer corps is an informal group made up of those who donate their time and expertise to teach American business entrepreneurship, English language instruction, or business and economics instruction, or to help people start businesses. The activity must be performed by a resident of the state in the Soviet Union or in East Central Europe.

If the donated effort is of at least two months' duration and is documented in writing by someone from the host country with a firsthand knowledge of the effort, the office shall designate the person donating the effort a member of the "Minnesota international volunteer corps" and may issue a certificate to the person attesting to the designation.

Presented to the governor May 16, 1991

Signed by the governor May 19, 1991, 5:30 p.m.

CHAPTER 115—H.F.No. 525

An act relating to insurance; regulating claim denial; requiring chemical dependency claim reviewers to meet certain qualifications; requiring insurers to file an annual report on evaluations with the commissioner of commerce; amending Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 72A.201, subdivision 8, and by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 72A.201, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **STANDARDS FOR CLAIM DENIAL.** The following acts by an insurer, adjuster, or self-insured, or self-insurance administrator constitute unfair settlement practices:

(1) denying a claim or any element of a claim on the grounds of a specific policy provision, condition, or exclusion, without informing the insured of the policy provision, condition, or exclusion on which the denial is based;

(2) denying a claim without having made a reasonable investigation of the claim;

(3) denying a liability claim because the insured has requested that the claim be denied;

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.