HOUSE BILL NO. 5229

November 06, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Liberati, Cavitt, Fairbairn and Pavlov and referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code,"

by amending section 2512d (MCL 339.2512d), as amended by 2016 PA 502.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 2512d. (1) A licensee that is acting under the terms of a service provision agreement shall perform the duties described in subsection (2). A real estate broker may authorize a designated agent to represent the client, if that authorization is in writing.
- 5 (2) A licensee that is acting under the terms of a service

- 1 provision agreement owes, at a minimum, the following duties to a
- 2 client:
- 3 (a) The exercise of reasonable care and skill in representing
- 4 the client and carrying out the responsibilities of the agency
- 5 relationship.
- **6** (b) The performance of the terms of the service provision
- 7 agreement.
- 8 (c) Loyalty to the interest of the client.
- 9 (d) Compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations of this10 state and any applicable federal statutes or regulations.
- 11 (e) Referral of the client to other licensed professionals for
- 12 expert advice related to material matters that are not within the
- 13 expertise of the broker.
- 14 (f) An accounting in a timely manner of all money and property
- 15 received by the broker in which the client has or may have an
- 16 interest.
- 17 (g) Confidentiality of all information obtained in the course
- 18 of the agency relationship, unless disclosed with the client's
- 19 permission or as provided by law, including the duty not to
- 20 disclose confidential information to any licensee who that is not
- 21 an agent of the client.
- 22 (3) A licensee that is acting under the terms of a service
- 23 provision agreement shall provide the following services to a
- 24 client:
- 25 (a) If the real estate broker or real estate salesperson is
- 26 representing a seller or lessor, the marketing of the client's
- 27 property in the manner agreed on in the service provision
- 28 agreement.
- 29 (b) Acceptance of delivery and presentation of offers and

- 1 counteroffers to buy, sell, or lease the client's property or the
- 2 property the client seeks to purchase or lease. At the time of
- 3 execution of an offer to purchase, a licensee shall recommend to
- 4 the purchaser buyer that the purchaser buyer require that the
- 5 seller provide a fee title policy in the amount of the purchase
- 6 price to the purchaser, buyer, issued or certified to the
- 7 approximate date of closing of the real estate transaction.
- 8 (c) Assistance in developing, communicating, negotiating, and
- 9 presenting offers, counteroffers, and related documents or notices
- 10 until a purchase or lease agreement is executed by all parties and
- 11 all contingencies are satisfied or waived.
- 12 (d) After execution of a purchase agreement by all parties,
- 13 assistance as necessary to complete the transaction under the terms
- 14 specified in the purchase agreement. Without written approval of
- 15 the buyer and seller, a licensee shall not close a transaction on
- 16 any terms or conditions that are contrary to the terms or
- 17 conditions of an executed purchase agreement.
- (e) For a real estate broker or associate real estate broker
- 19 that is involved at the closing of a real estate or business
- 20 opportunity transaction, furnishing, or causing to be furnished, to
- 21 the buyer and seller, a complete and detailed closing statement
- 22 signed by the broker or associate real estate broker showing each
- 23 party all receipts and disbursements affecting that party. However,
- 24 this subdivision does not apply if the closing is conducted by a
- 25 title insurance company, or a person designated to act as the agent
- 26 of a title insurance company, that is licensed or authorized to do
- 27 business in this state.
- 28 (4) A real estate broker or real estate salesperson that is
- 29 representing a seller under a service provision agreement shall not

- 1 advertise the property to the public as "for sale by owner" or
- 2 otherwise mislead the public to believe that the seller is not
- 3 represented by a real estate broker.
- 4 (5) The services described in subsection (3)(b), (c), and (d)
- 5 may be waived by a seller or lessor in a limited service agreement.
- 6 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 7 unless all of the following bills of the 103rd Legislature are
- 8 enacted into law:
- 9 (a) House Bill No. 5228 (request no. H04895'25).
- 10 (b) House Bill No. 5227 (request no. H04897'25).