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An Act To Permit Real Estate Agents To Assist Property Owners in Obtaining Relief in the Mortgage Foreclosure Process

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶P, as amended by PL 2009, c. 480, §2 and PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended to read:

P. A person who is not an attorney but who, as the executive director of the State Harness Racing Commission, is representing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry at adjudicatory hearings before the commission in accordance with Title 8, section 263-C; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶Q, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 480, §3, is amended to read:

Q. A person who is an attorney admitted to practice in another United States jurisdiction to the extent permitted by rules of professional conduct adopted by the Supreme Judicial Court; or

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶R is enacted to read:

R. A person who is not an attorney, but who is a real estate broker or associate broker licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 114 and designated by a property owner to negotiate on behalf of the property owner directly with a lender with respect to a mortgage to avoid foreclosure.

SUMMARY

This bill provides an exception to the provision governing the unauthorized practice of law to permit a licensed real estate agent to negotiate on behalf of a property owner with a mortgage lender to prevent mortgage foreclosure.