

amount not to exceed *twenty-five* dollars which initial payment shall be part of the total allowable fee contracted for, and may not otherwise take or receive for services performed for any one person more than fifteen percent of the amount received by it at any one time from or on behalf of that person.

In the event of cancellation or default on performance of the contract by the debtor prior to its successful completion, the licensee may collect in addition to fees previously received, six percent of that portion of the remaining indebtedness listed on said contract which was due when the contract was entered into, but not to exceed seventy-five dollars.

A licensee shall not be entitled to retain any fee until notifying all creditors listed by the debtor that the debtor has engaged the licensee in a program of debt adjusting.

*New section.* Sec. 9. If a licensee contracts for, receives or makes any charge in excess of the maximums permitted by this act, except as the result of an accidental and bona fide error, the licensee's contract with the debtor shall be void and the licensee shall return to the debtor the amount of all payments received from the debtor or on his behalf and not distributed to creditors.

*New section.* Sec. 10. Every contract between a licensee and a debtor shall:

- (1) List every debt to be handled with the creditor's name and disclose the approximate total of all known debts;
- (2) Provide in precise terms payments reasonably within the ability of the debtor to pay;
- (3) Disclose in precise terms the rate and amount of the licensee's charge;
- (4) Disclose the approximate number and amount of installments required to pay the debts in full;
- (5) Disclose the name and address of the licensee and of the debtor; and
- (6) Contain such other and further provisions or disclosures as the director shall determine are necessary for the protection of the debtor and the proper conduct of business by the licensee.

*New section.* Sec. 11 Every licensee shall perform the following functions:

- (1) Make a permanent record of all payments by debtors, or on the debtor's behalf, and of all disbursements to creditors of such debtors, and shall keep and maintain in this state all such records, and all payments not distributed to creditors. No person shall intentionally make any false entry in any such record, or intentionally mutilate, destroy or otherwise dispose of any such record. Such records shall at all times be open for inspection by the director or his authorized agent, and shall be preserved as original records or by microfilm or other methods of duplication acceptable to the director, for at least six years after making the final entry therein.
- (2) Deliver a completed copy of the contract between the licensee and a debtor to the debtor immediately after the debtor executes the contract, and sign the debtor's copy of such contract.
- (3) Unless paid by check or money order, deliver a receipt to a debtor for each payment within five days after receipt of such payment.
- (4) *Distribute to the creditors of the debtor at least once each forty days after receipt* of payment during the term of the contract at least sixty percent of each payment received from the debtor. No more than twenty-five percent of any payment shall be allocated to the debtor's undistributed reserve account. In the event of cancellation or default on performance of the contract by the debtor, the licensee must distribute to the creditors of the debtor the funds of the debtor held by the licensee, less the amount retained by the licensee in accordance with section 8 of this act.
- (5) *At least once every six months render an accounting to the debtor which shall indicate the total amount received from or on behalf of the debtor, the total amount paid to each creditor, the total amount which any creditor has agreed to accept as payment in full on any debt owed him by the debtor, the amount of charges deducted, and any amount held in reserve. The licensee shall in addition render such an account to a debtor within ten days after written demand.*

*New section.* Sec. 12. A licensee shall not:

- (1) Take any contract, or other instrument which has any blank spaces when signed by the debtor;
- (2) Receive or charge any fee in the form of a promissory note or other promise to pay or receive or accept any mortgage or other security for any fee, whether as to real or personal property;
- (3) Lend money or credit;
- (4) Take any confession of judgment or power of attorney to confess judgment against the debtor or appear as the debtor in any judicial proceedings;