

of an association chartered or incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland or as an employee of the [Department] *Division* and each for at least the five (5) previous years shall have been a resident and registered voter of Maryland. [The Director shall hold office for six (6) years and until his successor shall have been duly appointed and qualified. The Governor may remove the Director for official misconduct, incompetency or neglect of duty.] *The Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation.* Any vacancy in the office of Director shall be filled by the *Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, with the approval of the Governor, for the unexpired portion of the term from a list of names of qualified persons as aforesaid, to be submitted pursuant to Section 161E hereof.* The Director shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office and shall be paid such salary as may be provided for in the budget.

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(a) The Director, with the approval of the [Board] *Secretary of Licensing and Regulation* shall appoint a deputy director, examiners and such number of additional employees of the [Department] *Division of Building, Savings and Loan Associations* as may be provided for in the budget. The appointment of all examiners and employees, other than the deputy director, shall be from the classified service of the State of Maryland, and in accordance with the rules and practice of the merit system. The deputy director shall be appointed and hold office at the will of the Director, and the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, title, "Merit System," shall not apply.

(b) The Director [at his discretion] *with the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation* may appoint the deputy director from among the classified employees in the Department, and if such appointee is subsequently removed from or ceases to hold his position as deputy director, he shall be restored to the merit system status in the position held by him at the time of his appointment as deputy director.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 250, 251 (a), 252 (a), (c), (d) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1968 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Home-Improvement Law," be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

250.

(a) There is created the Maryland Home-Improvement Commission, which *shall be a part of the Department of Licensing and Regulation, [consists] consisting of five members.*

(b) Each member of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor, *with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, for a term of four years, except that when a vacancy occurs before the expiration of a term, the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, shall appoint the successor to serve for the remainder of the term. One of the members shall be designated chairman by the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation.*