which a borrower other than a consumer borrower is a party may, notwithstanding the provisions of this section, be as the agreement governing the plan may otherwise provide.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved May 29, 1990.

CHAPTER 485

(Senate Bill 605)

AN ACT concerning

## Home Improvement - Regulation

FOR the purpose of clarifying that the regulatory authority of the Home Improvement Commission applies to unlicensed persons under certain circumstances; establishing a certain penalty; increasing a certain penalty; requiring certain licensees to have a resident agent and to file certain information with the Commission; increasing a certain assessment; requiring that certain notices be placed in a home improvement contract; requiring certain local jurisdictions to notify the Commission of violations of State or local building codes under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation to stagger the expiration of home improvement licenses; requiring a home improvement contractor to provide a warranty protection to an owner through a certain home improvement warranty security plan or a bond unless waived by the owner; establishing the terms and conditions of warranty coverage and bond coverage; specifying the procedure for waiving coverage under this Act; requiring contractors to make certain disclosures to an owner contracting for home improvement services; specifying a minimum duration for a warranty covering certain defects; establishing certain requirements of home improvement warranty security plans; providing the Socretary with certain authority over home improvement warranty security plans; and generally relating to the regulation of home improvement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses

Section 257(b) and (h), 257C, 260(c), 261, <del>265(a) and (b),</del> 267, and 268

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(1988 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 56 - Licenses

Section 251C<del>, 257(1), and 258A</del> and 257(1)

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