

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1197.

This bill increases the fees that every contractor who is licensed under the home improvement laws must pay into the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund.

Senate Bill 605, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 29, 1990, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1197.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 1197

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 Secretary 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, ~~265(a) and (b)~~, 267, and 268

Annotated Code of Maryland