

Supplement), title "Licenses", to follow immediately after Section 244 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Home Improvement Law"; providing generally for the regulation of the home improvement business of all persons in this State, establishing a system of licensing certain contractors and salesmen under a new administrative agency to be known as the Maryland Home Improvement Commission; providing generally for the creation, powers, personnel, duties, compensation, qualifications and tenure of the Commission and of its several members; regulating the issuance, refusal, revocation and suspension of licenses for the home improvement business; RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF FALLOUT SHELTERS; providing for the enforcement of this Act and for the penalties applicable thereunder; ; PROVIDING CRIMINAL PENALTIES REGARDING HOME IMPROVEMENT TRANSACTIONS; and relating generally to the business of home improvements and to the powers, duties and personnel of the Maryland Home Improvement Commission, AND MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that new Sections 245 to ~~271~~ 269, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1961 Supplement), title "Licenses", to follow immediately after Section 244 thereof, to be under the new sub-title "Home Improvement Law", and to read as follows:*

*Home Improvement Law*

*245. Scope of Subtitle; Citation*

*This subtitle constitutes and may be cited as the Maryland Home Improvement Law.*

*246. Compliance Required*

*No person may engage in or transact any home improvement business, or hold himself out to the public as doing home improvement business, or offer to transact any home improvement business, in this State, except in compliance with the applicable provisions of this subtitle. No person, whether subject to licensing by any law or otherwise, may engage in this State in any trade practice or other act which is prohibited by any provision of this subtitle; and every person who wilfully participates in a prohibited act or violation with knowledge of the same is subject to the criminal penalty therefor. The provisions of this subtitle may not be waived by agreement.*

*247. Local Regulations Restricted; Pre-emption; CRAFT LICENSES; PUBLIC OFFICIALS.*

*(a) No county or city of this State may require that any person obtain an authorization or license to transact home improvement business in such county or city.*

*(b) A license issued pursuant to this subtitle may not be construed to authorize the licensee to perform any particular type of work or kind of business which is reserved to qualified licensees*