

AND UNDER THE NEW SUB-TITLE "HOME IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS", to read as follows:

795A.

a. *The Board of County Commissioners for Prince George's County are hereby authorized to require the licensing of persons engaged in the home improvement business, whether as principal, agent, salesman, employee, or otherwise and to require the furnishing of bond as a condition to the issuance of such license. For the purposes of this Act, the term "home improvement business" means the repair, remodeling, alteration, conversion, or modernization of, or addition to residential property, all as may be more particularly defined in regulations promulgated by the Board of County Commissioners. Such bonding may be required notwithstanding the fact that a person may also be subject to the bonding requirements of any other law.*

b. *The Board of County Commissioners shall, by proper ordinance or resolution, adopt all necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this Act. The said Board may, from time to time, and in its discretion, establish classes and subclasses of persons licensed to engage in the home improvement business and specify the amount and conditions of the bond or other security acceptable to the Board to be deposited by each of the members of any such class or subclass; AND THE BOARD MAY PROVIDE BY RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE CONDITIONS OR TERMS FOR WAIVER OF ANY REQUIREMENT FOR A BOND. In connection with the licensing of persons to engage in the home improvement business and the bonding of the members of any such class or subclass of such persons the Board, in its discretion may by regulation require applicants for license or licenses:*

(1) *To furnish and keep in force a bond or bonds running to the Board of County Commissioners for Prince George's County, or other security acceptable to the Board to protect members of the public against financial loss by reason of the failure of the licensee or of any officer, agent, employee, salesman, or other person acting on behalf of said licensee, to observe any law or regulation in force in Prince George's County, Maryland applicable to the licensee's conduct of the licensed business;*

(2) *To procure and keep in force public liability insurance or property damage insurance, or both; and*

(3) *To appoint the Board of County Commissioners of Prince George's County as their true and lawful attorney upon whom all judicial and other process or legal notice directed to such person may be served.*

c. *The bonds authorized by this section shall be corporate surety bonds in amounts to be fixed by the Board of County Commissioners, but no bond shall exceed \$25,000, and such bond shall be conditioned upon the observance by the licensee and any officer, agent, employee, salesman, or other person acting on behalf of said licensee, of all laws and regulations in force in Prince George's County applicable to the licensee's conduct of the licensed business, for the benefit of any person who may suffer damages resulting from the violation of any such law or regulation by or on the part of such licensee or any*