

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 266 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Home Improvement Law," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

266.

Any person who shall accept or receive a completion certificate or other evidence that performance of a home-improvement contract is complete or satisfactorily concluded, with knowledge that such document is false and that the performance is not [substantially] completed, and who shall utter, offer or use such document in connection with the making or accepting of any assignment or negotiation of the right to receive any payment from the owner, under or in connection with a home-improvement contract, or for the purpose of obtaining or granting any credit or loan on the security of the right to receive any payment, as aforesaid, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or both.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall not apply to any offense committed prior to June 1, 1965.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.

CHAPTER 721
(House Bill 587)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 256 (3) and 265 (a) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Home Improvement Law," to reduce the amount of the contract price necessary before a license is required by a salesman under the Home Improvement Law and to delete the pre-payment requirement as to contracts between prime contractors and owners of one, two or three family dwelling places before certain provisions of the law must be complied with.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 256 (3) and 265 (a) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Home Improvement Law," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

256.

(3) Any home improvement, where the aggregate contract price for all labor, materials and other items is less than [\$300.00] \$200.00. This exemption does not apply where the work is only part of a larger or major operation, whether undertaken by the same or