

home building or work done by a contractor in compliance with a guarantee of completion of a new building project, or (ii) the sale of goods or materials by a seller who neither arranges to perform nor performs directly or indirectly any work or labor in connection with the installation of or application of the goods or materials. Without regard to the extent of affixation, "home improvement" includes the installation of central heating or air-conditioning systems, storm windows, awnings, or fire alarms.

(d) "Owner" means any homeowner, tenant, or any other person who orders, contracts for or purchases the home-improvement services of a contractor, or the person entitled to the performance of the work of a contractor pursuant to a home-improvement contract.

(e) "Contractor" means any person, other than a bona fide employee of the owner, who undertakes or offers to undertake or agrees to perform any home improvement FOR THE OWNER, whether or not such person is licensed or subject to the licensing requirements of this subtitle[, and whether or not such person is a prime contractor or subcontractor with respect to the owner].

(f) "Home-improvement contract" means an agreement, whether oral or written, or contained in one or more documents, between a contractor and an owner for the performance of a home improvement, and includes all labor, services and materials to be furnished and performed thereunder.

(g) "Salesman" means any individual who (i) negotiates or offers to negotiate a home-improvement contract with an owner, or (ii) solicits or otherwise endeavors to procure in person, a home-improvement contract from an owner on behalf of a contractor, or for himself should the salesman be also the contractor, whether or not such person is licensed or subject to the licensing requirements of this subtitle.

(H) "SUBCONTRACTOR" MEANS ANY PERSON OTHER THAN A MATERIALMAN OR LABORER WHO ENTERS INTO A CONTRACT, WRITTEN OR VEREAL, WITH A CONTRACTOR FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY PART OF THE CONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT, OR WHO ENTERS INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANY OTHER SUBCONTRACTOR FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY PART OF THE SUBCONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT, AND WHO DOES NOT PERFORM WORK OTHER THAN AS A SUBCONTRACTOR.

[(h)] (I) "Commission" means the Maryland Home-Improvement Commission.

[(i)] (J) "City" includes Baltimore City.

[(j)] (K) "Commissioners" shall mean the members of the Commission who have been appointed by the Governor.

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THE COMMISSION SHALL FURNISH THE BUILDING AND PERMITS