

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS OF EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY WITH A MONTHLY LIST OF ALL CURRENTLY LICENSED HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE REGULATION OF THE HOME IMPROVEMENT LAW.

251B.

EXCEPT FOR A PERMIT FOR ANY HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK TO BE PERFORMED BY THE OWNER OF PROPERTY, THE BUILDING AND PERMITS DEPARTMENT OF EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY MAY NOT ISSUE A PERMIT FOR ANY HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK NOT LISTING EACH CONTRACTOR'S HOME IMPROVEMENT LICENSE NUMBER.

252.

(a) The [Commission, subject to the approval of the] Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, shall [employ] APPOINT an executive director who shall be a full-time employee of the State. He [shall hold office during good behavior and shall be subject to removal] MAY BE REMOVED by the Secretary for incompetence or neglect of duty; but before the executive director may be removed from office he shall be given a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being publicly heard in person or by counsel in his own defense upon not less than ten days' notice.

The executive director shall:

(1) Take charge of the office of the Commission and is in complete charge of the day to day operation of such office and shall be responsible to the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation [and the Commission];

(2) Have custody of the official records and the seal; and

(3) Collect, account for, and pay over all fees required by this subtitle in such manner as may be determined by rule or regulation of the Comptroller of the State of Maryland. The executive director shall, upon entering the performance of his duties, be covered by a surety bond in accordance with the provisions of §§ 46 through 50 of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(d) The executive director may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, employ and discharge at any time inspectors or auditors. He [also may] SHALL employ investigators whose positions shall be within the merit system established by Article 64A of this Code. THE INVESTIGATORS SHALL INVESTIGATE ONLY HOME IMPROVEMENT COMPLAINTS. The Attorney General of Maryland may appoint a qualified attorney-at-law who shall serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General to represent the Commission.

254.

(A) AN APPLICANT MAY NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR AN