

CHAPTER 583

(Senate Bill 494)

AN ACT concerning

Home Improvement Commission - Payment of Claims Maryland Program Evaluation Act

FOR the purpose of permitting the payment of consequential damage from the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund for damages to a homeowner's home or personal property caused by certain home improvements; altering a certain definition; permitting the recovery of damages caused by a home improvement contractor's failure to comply with, or failure to use materials that comply with, State and local building codes; clarifying that "home improvement" includes the construction, replacement, or improvement of roofs; authorizing a court of competent jurisdiction to assess against an unlicensed home improvement contractor an amount equal to the damages incurred by a homeowner as a result of certain home improvements performed by that unlicensed contractor; limiting the maximum amount of that assessment; providing for the transfer of a portion of that assessment to the Fund for reimbursement by the Home Improvement Commission to the homeowner who incurred the damages; authorizing the Commission to review and amend or reverse certain orders issued on or after a certain date and to pay from the Fund before a certain date to an aggrieved homeowner certain damages previously denied; providing for the subrogation of the Commission for certain claims for a certain period; providing for the severability of this Act; and generally relating to the award and payment of damages for violations of the Maryland Home Improvement law.

FOR the purpose of altering the date for the review of the Maryland Home Improvement Commission under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act; and generally relating to the evaluation of the Maryland Home Improvement Commission under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Bicesnes

Section 249(c) and (1), 257A(a), 257B(a), 257E(a) and (c), and 268

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

Article - State Government

Section 8-403(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1984 Volume and 1988 Supplement)