MAY BE MADE AGAINST THE HOME IMPROVEMENT GUARANTEE FUND FOR DAMAGES OR LOSSES SUFFERED BY A PROPERTY OWNER-WHO HIRES AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR."

- (C) THE BUILDING AND PERMITS DEPARTMENT OF A COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR OTHER LOCAL ISSUING AUTHORITY MAY NOT ISSUE A PERMIT FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT TO BE PERFORMED BY A HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR UNLESS:
- (1) THE PERMIT INCLUDES THE LICENSE NUMBER OF A LICENSED CONTRACTOR; AND
- (2) THE APPLICATION FOR THE PERMIT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, SIGNED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER:

"I AM AN OWNER OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS PERMIT APPLICATION:
I—UNDERSTAND—THAT—EACH—CONTRACTOR—AND—SUBCONTRACTOR—MUST—BE
LICENSED BY THE HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION AND THAT ANYONE MAY ASK
THE COMMISSION ABOUT—A CONTRACTOR OR A SUBCONTRACTOR. I FURTHER
UNDERSTAND—THAT—IT—IS—ILLEGAL—FOR—AN—INDIVIDUAL—TO—ACT—AS—A—HOME
IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR IN MARYLAND WITHOUT BEING
LICENSED AND THAT NO CLAIMS MAY BE MADE AGAINST THE HOME IMPROVEMENT
GUARANTEE FUND FOR DAMAGES OR LOSSES SUFFERED BY A PROPERTY OWNER
WHO HIRES AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR.

I HAVE RECEIVED FROM MY CONTRACTOR THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION."

- (D) A NOTICE OR STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE CONTAINED IN A PERMIT APPLICATION OR ATTACHED TO A PERMIT APPLICATION.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the building and permits department of any municipal corporation may use all of its home improvement permit application forms that the building and permits department has in stock as of October 1, 1996 before using home improvement permit application forms that include spaces for the license numbers required under this Act.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

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