- (3) a summary of the Commission's efforts to inform the public of the home inspector licensing requirements; and
- (4) a summary of the number and types of complaints received against home inspectors, including the resolution of complaints.

SECTION 4. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.

## **CHAPTER 227**

(House Bill 491)

AN ACT concerning

## Workers' Compensation - Principal Contractor - Liability

FOR the purpose of limiting the liability of a principal contractor for workers' compensation payments if a sole proprietor does not notify the principal contractor of the sole proprietor's status as a covered employee; altering the circumstances under which an individual is presumed to be a sole proprietor who is not a covered employee; providing for a certain presumption that a sole proprietor is not a covered employee if the sole proprietor provides a certain notice to the principal contractor; and generally relating to workers' compensation payments.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 9-227 and 9-508(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 9-508(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Labor and Employment

9-227.

(a) Unless an election is made in accordance with this section, a sole proprietor is not a covered employee.