

~~14-2903.~~

~~A HOME MOVER MAY NOT EXERCISE OR THREATEN TO EXERCISE A WAREHOUSEMAN'S LIEN OR OTHERWISE REFUSE TO DELIVER A CONSUMER'S GOODS, UNLESS:~~

~~(1) A WRITTEN ESTIMATE WAS PROVIDED TO THE CONSUMER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE; AND~~

~~(2) THE CONSUMER FAILS TO TENDER TO THE HOME MOVER THE LESSER OF:~~

~~(H) THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF THE FINAL TOTAL PRICE DEMANDED BY THE HOME MOVER; OR~~

~~(H) THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF 110 PERCENT OF THE ESTIMATED TOTAL PRICE STATED IN THE WRITTEN ESTIMATE.~~

A HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVER MAY NOT ENFORCE OR THREATEN TO ENFORCE A CARRIER'S LIEN AGAINST, OR REFUSE TO DELIVER, A CONSUMER'S HOUSEHOLD GOODS WHEN PROVIDING HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVING SERVICES FOR AN INTRASTATE MOVE.

~~14-2904, 14-2903.~~

~~(A) A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS AN UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE AND IS SUBJECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

(B) IN ADDITION TO BEING SUBJECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE, A HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVER THAT VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE IS SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION PROVIDED BY LAW.

~~14-2905, 14-2904.~~

THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE MARYLAND ~~HOME~~ HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVERS ACT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December 1, 2003, the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on:

(a) the need for a registration process for household goods movers, including the persons subject to registration;

(b) the number of complaints received under this Act; and

(c) any enforcement action taken under this Act.

SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.