

(2) In a form approved by the Department.

(b) An irrevocable letter of credit may be either in the form of an individual letter of credit for each deposit accepted by a vendor or builder or if the total amount of money and deposits accepted by the builder exceeds \$10,000, the letter of credit may be in the form of a blanket letter of credit assuring the return of the deposits received by the vendor or builder.

(c) If the letter of credit is a blanket letter of credit, the amount of the letter of credit shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Total Amount of Deposits Held	Amount of Letter of Credit
(1) \$10,000 to \$75,000	Full amount of deposit held
(2) \$75,000 to \$200,000	\$75,000
(3) \$200,000 to \$500,000	\$200,000
(4) Over \$500,000	\$500,000

(d) For the purpose of determining the amount of any blanket letter of credit which the vendor or builder maintains in any calendar year, the total amount of deposits considered held by a vendor or builder shall be determined as of May 31 of any given calendar year and the amount of the letter of credit shall be in accordance with the amount of deposits held as of May 31.

10-303.1.

The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall adopt regulations for the administration of the provisions of this subtitle relating to bonds and letters of credit.

10-504.

(d) (1) In lieu of the escrow accounts required under subsection (a) or (c) of this section, a custom home builder may obtain and maintain a corporate surety bond in the form and in the amounts required of a vendor or builder under § 10-302 of this title.

(2) The surety bond obtained shall be conditioned on the return of the sum to the buyer in the event the buyer becomes entitled to the return of the money.

(3) The custom home builder shall maintain the surety bond until the custom home builder complies with § 9-114 of this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.