fidelity bonds for certain purposes; requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to examine the use of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act for certain purposes; clarifying provisions regarding for whose benefit certain surety bond requirements are established; altering the scope of certain activities in the mortgage lending business that may constitute criminal behavior; altering the manner in which certain loan funds may be disbursed at settlement; defining certain terms; requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to report to certain committees on certain regulations prior to their adoption and implementation; and generally relating to certain practices and requirements related to the conduct of the mortgage lending business in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Commercial Law

Section 12 405, 12 804(a), 12 903(a), 12 915, and 12 1015

Section 12-405, 12-903(a), and 12-1005

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article Financial Institutions

Section 11 507(d) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Financial Institutions

Section 11 204, 11 505, 11 506, 11 507(c), 11 508, 11 511(b), 11 517, and 11 523

Section 11-204, 11-301(b), 11-505, 11-508, 11-511(b), and 11-523

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article - Financial Institutions

Section 11-511.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments.

Article - Real Property

Section 7-109

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)