

# HOUSE BILL 937

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Household Goods Movers – Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from providing household goods moving services  
4 in the State unless the person is registered as a household goods mover under this  
5 Act or holds a certain federal registration; requiring a person to submit to the  
6 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation a certain application and a certain  
7 fee to apply for a certain registration; requiring the Department to establish certain  
8 requirements and procedures for the registration of household goods movers under  
9 this Act; establishing certain penalties for certain violations of this Act; defining  
10 certain terms; and generally relating to household goods moving services and the  
11 registration of household goods movers.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Business Regulation

14 Section 8.5–101 through 8.5–105 to be under the new title “Title 8.5. Household  
15 Goods Movers”

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Business Regulation**

21 **TITLE 8.5. HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVERS.**

22 **8.5–101.**

23 **(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
24 **INDICATED.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) “HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14-3101**  
2 **OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE.**

3           **(C) “HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVING SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN**  
4 **§ 14-3101 OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE.**

5 **8.5-102.**

6           **A PERSON MAY NOT PROVIDE HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVING SERVICES IN THE**  
7 **STATE UNLESS THE PERSON:**

8                   **(1) IS REGISTERED AS A HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVER UNDER THIS**  
9 **TITLE; OR**

10                   **(2) HOLDS A CURRENT FEDERAL REGISTRATION AUTHORIZING THE**  
11 **PERSON TO PROVIDE INTERSTATE HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVING SERVICES.**

12 **8.5-103.**

13           **TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION AS A HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVER, AN**  
14 **APPLICANT SHALL:**

15                   **(1) SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM**  
16 **PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND**

17                   **(2) PAY TO THE DEPARTMENT AN APPLICATION FEE ESTABLISHED BY**  
18 **THE DEPARTMENT.**

19 **8.5-104.**

20           **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND**  
21 **PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVERS UNDER THIS**  
22 **TITLE.**

23           **(B) THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE**  
24 **DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE A**  
25 **REQUIREMENT THAT AN APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION PROVIDE:**

26                   **(1) THE APPLICANT’S NAME;**

27                   **(2) THE APPLICANT’S PHYSICAL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER,**  
28 **AND, IF APPLICABLE, E-MAIL ADDRESS;**

1           **(3) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE APPLICANT’S REGISTERED**  
2 **AGENT LOCATED IN THE STATE;**

3           **(4) THE NAME OF THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY DESIGNATED FOR THE**  
4 **APPLICANT;**

5           **(5) IF THE APPLICANT PROVIDES INTERSTATE HOUSEHOLD GOODS**  
6 **MOVING SERVICES, FEDERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICANT;**  
7 **AND**

8           **(6) IF THE APPLICANT PROVIDES INTRASTATE HOUSEHOLD GOODS**  
9 **MOVING SERVICES ONLY, A STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT ONLY**  
10 **PROVIDES SUCH SERVICES.**

11 **8.5–105.**

12           **A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE:**

13           **(1) FOR A FIRST CONVICTION, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND**  
14 **SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000; AND**

15           **(2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, IS GUILTY OF A**  
16 **FELONY AND SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$3,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT**  
17 **EXCEEDING 5 YEARS OR BOTH.**

18           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
19 **October 1, 2018.**