

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 581

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, strike "Board;" and substitute "Commission; increasing the limitation on recovery from the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund for certain persons;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 14, after "Section" insert "8-405(e) and"; and after line 21, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 8-403(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume)".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 1, insert:

"8-405.

(e) The Commission may not award from the Fund:

(1) more than [\$10,000] \$15,000 to 1 claimant for acts or omissions of 1 contractor;

(2) more than \$100,000 to all claimants for acts or omissions of 1 contractor unless, after the Commission has paid out \$100,000 on account of acts or omissions of the contractor, the contractor reimburses \$100,000 to the Fund;

(3) an amount for attorney fees, consequential damages, court costs, interest,

(Over)

personal injury damages, or punitive damages; or

(4) an amount as a result of a default judgment in court.”;

and after line 33, insert:

“(e) On or before November 30 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 10, strike “and” and substitute “or”; in the same line, strike “commission” and substitute “Commission”; in line 11, strike “commission” and substitute “Commission”; in the same line, strike “any”; in line 12, strike “and”; and in the same line, after “(3)” insert “obstacles to timely pay-outs and methods to streamline the claims procedure in order to ensure timely pay-outs for aggrieved consumers; and (4)”.