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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection - Household Goods Movers - Charges for Services**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a household goods mover, before providing household
4 goods moving services to a consumer for an intrastate move, to provide the
5 consumer with a written estimate of the cost of the household goods moving
6 services; prohibiting a household goods mover from charging a consumer an
7 amount that exceeds the written estimate by more than a certain percentage
8 without the consent of the consumer; and generally relating to household goods
9 movers.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Commercial Law
12 Section 14-3102.2
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Commercial Law**

18 14-3102.2.

19 (A) BEFORE PROVIDING HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVING SERVICES FOR AN
20 INTRASTATE MOVE FOR A CONSUMER, A HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVER SHALL PROVIDE
21 THE CONSUMER WITH A WRITTEN ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF THE HOUSEHOLD
22 GOODS MOVING SERVICES.

23 (B) A HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVER MAY NOT CHARGE A CONSUMER AN
24 AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS, BY MORE THAN 10%, THE WRITTEN ESTIMATE PROVIDED
25 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE
26 CONSUMER.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2005.