

SENATE BILL 285

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By: **Senator Kittleman**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2008

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection – Loose-Fill Insulation for Buildings – Required**
3 **Statement on Packaging**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring manufacturers of loose-fill insulation for buildings to
5 include a certain statement on each package of loose-fill insulation sold in the
6 State; providing that a violation of this Act is an unfair or deceptive trade
7 practice within the meaning of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and is
8 subject to the enforcement and penalty provisions of that Act; defining a certain
9 term; and generally relating to loose-fill insulation for buildings.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Commercial Law

12 Section 14-1322

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 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 **14-1322.**

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “LOOSE-FILL INSULATION” MEANS INSULATION
20 IN GRANULAR, NODULAR, FIBROUS, POWDERY, OR SIMILAR FORM, DESIGNED TO
21 BE INSTALLED BY POURING, BLOWING, OR HAND PLACEMENT.

22 (B) A MANUFACTURER OF LOOSE-FILL INSULATION FOR BUILDINGS
23 SHALL INCLUDE ON EACH PACKAGE OF LOOSE-FILL INSULATION SOLD IN THE

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **STATE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY AND PRINTED**
2 **IN BOLDFACE TYPE:**

3 **“WE GUARANTEE THAT WHEN THIS INSULATION IS INSTALLED BY A**
4 **PROFESSIONAL INSULATION INSTALLER TO A THICKNESS THAT EQUALS OR**
5 **EXCEEDS THE ‘MINIMUM INSTALLED THICKNESS’ FOR A SPECIFIED R-VALUE, AS**
6 **INDICATED ON THE PACKAGE LABEL, THE WEIGHT PER SQUARE FOOT OF THE**
7 **INSTALLED INSULATION WILL EQUAL OR EXCEED THE ‘MINIMUM WEIGHT PER**
8 **SQUARE FOOT’ FOR THAT R-VALUE.”**

9 **(C) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS:**

10 **(1) AN UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE WITHIN THE**
11 **MEANING OF TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

12 **(2) SUBJECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY PROVISIONS**
13 **CONTAINED IN TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

14 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
15 **October 1, 2008.**