

**SB0236/894436/1**

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 236  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 15, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring the Commission to publish certain consumer education materials on its Web site; requiring the Commission to develop a certain searchable Web site that includes certain information;”; in line 16, after “fees;” insert “requiring a home improvement contract to contain the telephone number of the contractor;”; after line 27, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 8-101(a), (b), and (e) and 8-707(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation

Section 8-215 and 8-216

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 5 through 9, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 25, insert:

“8-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(Over)

- (b) “Commission” means the Maryland Home Improvement Commission.
- (e) “Fund” means the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund.

**8-215.**

**THE COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEB SITE CONSUMER EDUCATION MATERIALS THAT SPECIFY THE PROTECTIONS AVAILABLE TO CONSUMERS THROUGH THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE AVAILABILITY OF COMPENSATION FROM THE GUARANTY FUND.**

**8-216.**

**THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP A SEARCHABLE WEB SITE THAT INCLUDES A LISTING OF LICENSED CONTRACTORS AND INFORMATION RELATING TO ANY FINAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION AGAINST A LICENSEE IN EACH LICENSEE’S PROFILE.”.**

On page 5, in line 10, after “address,” insert “**TELEPHONE NUMBER,**”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 9, after line 14, insert:

“(3) the advisability of a requirement for the posting of a performance bond for all licensees, and if advisable, in what amounts, and triggered by what price contracts;

(4) a plan for facilitating better communication between licensees and consumers relating to contract performance completion dates;”;

and in lines 15 and 17, strike “(3)” and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(5)” and “(6)”, respectively.