

# HOUSE BILL 440

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Insurance – Certificates of Guarantee for County Bond**  
3 **Requirements**

4 **Ho. Co. 8–15**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing Howard County to honor certificates of guarantee that are  
6 issued by certain associations or their wholly owned subsidiaries on behalf of certain  
7 contractors for the purpose of satisfying certain county bond requirements; providing  
8 that Howard County is not required under certain provisions of law to honor certain  
9 certificates of guarantee; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to  
10 Howard County and certificates of guarantee.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Insurance  
13 Section 1–203  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Insurance**

19 1–203.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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1 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (2) "Certificate of guarantee" means an instrument that is issued:

3 (i) by a nonprofit association of contractors, or its wholly owned  
4 subsidiary that is approved to operate by Calvert County, Charles County, **HOWARD**  
5 **COUNTY**, Prince George's County, Montgomery County, St. Mary's County, or Washington  
6 County, as appropriate; and

7 (ii) on behalf of a contractor for the purpose of satisfying:

8 1. county bond requirements for public improvements; or

9 2. other county bond requirements.

10 (3) "Contractor" means a person that, for a fixed price, commission, fee, or  
11 percentage, undertakes to bid on or accepts or offers to accept orders or contracts to perform  
12 or supervise the construction, improvement, or maintenance of a building, structure, or  
13 road.

14 (b) This article does not apply to a certificate of guarantee.

15 (c) Calvert County, Charles County, **HOWARD COUNTY**, Montgomery County,  
16 Prince George's County, St. Mary's County, and Washington County:

17 (1) may honor certificates of guarantee; but

18 (2) are not required under this article to honor certificates of guarantee.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2015.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.