

HOUSE BILL 770

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Home Improvement Contracts – Deposits**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum portion of a home improvement contract price
4 that a person may receive as a deposit before or at the time of execution of a home
5 improvement contract; and generally relating to home improvement contracts.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Business Regulation

8 Section 8–617

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Business Regulation**

14 8–617.

15 (a) A person may not demand or receive any payment for a home improvement
16 before the home improvement contract is signed.

17 (b) A person may not receive a deposit of more than [~~one-third~~] **ONE-HALF** of
18 the home improvement contract price before or at the time of execution of the home
19 improvement contract.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 October 1, 2020.