

HOUSE BILL 738

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By: **Delegates Wims, Holmes, Kaufman, and Simmons**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Licensed Home Improvement Contractors – Liability**
3 **Insurance**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the dollar amount of general liability insurance that an
5 applicant for a home improvement contractor license or a licensed home
6 improvement contractor must maintain; and generally relating to liability insurance
7 for licensed home improvement contractors.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Business Regulation

10 Section 8–301(a)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Business Regulation

15 Section 8–302.1

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Business Regulation**

21 8–301.

22 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person must have a contractor
23 license whenever the person acts as a contractor in the State.

24 8–302.1.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) An applicant for a contractor license shall maintain general liability insurance
2 in the amount of at least [~~\$50,000~~] **\$500,000**.

3 (b) A licensed contractor shall maintain general liability insurance in the amount
4 of at least [~~\$50,000~~] **\$500,000**.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2024.