

HOUSE BILL 224

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Conaway**

Requested: June 26, 2024

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commercial Law – False Advertising – Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum penalty for violating the prohibition against
4 false advertising; and generally relating to the prohibition against false advertising.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Commercial Law
7 Section 11–705(a)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Commercial Law**

13 11–705.

14 (a) Any person who violates any provision of this subtitle is subject to a penalty
15 not exceeding **[\$500] \$1,000** for each violation, which penalty the Attorney General may
16 recover for the State in a civil action.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2025.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

