

HB0439/347974/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 439
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 15, after “contract;” insert “requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, in collaboration with the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General, to convene a certain workgroup to study certain issues; authorizing the workgroup to include certain individuals; requiring the Department, in collaboration with the Division, to report certain findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 7, strike “**10**” and substitute “7”; in line 22, after “**(E)**” insert “**(1)**”; and after line 23, insert:

“(2) “HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT” DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ORAL OR WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN A CONTRACTOR AND AN OWNER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SMOKE DETECTOR, A HEAT DETECTOR, OR A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR.”

On page 7, in lines 11, 19, and 25, in each instance, strike “**10TH**” and substitute “7TH”.

On page 8, in line 1, strike “**10**” and substitute “7”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 8, after line 9, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(Over)

(a) (1) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, in collaboration with the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General, shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to study issues relating to door-to-door sales of home improvement services.

(2) The study shall include:

(i) a review of complaints that have been made by consumers relating to door-to-door sales of home improvement services; and

(ii) a review of recommendations made in the 2010 sunset evaluation of the Maryland Home Improvement Commission and the laws that govern door-to-door sales and home improvement contracts to determine what, if any, updates are needed to the laws governing door-to-door sales and home improvement contracts to protect consumers and clarify the requirements for providers of home improvement services.

(b) The workgroup may include:

(1) members of the General Assembly;

(2) representatives of consumer advocacy organizations;

(3) representatives of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, the Maryland Building Industry Association, and other home improvement industry organizations;

(4) local officials with responsibility for issuing building permits or enforcing building codes; and

(5) representatives of the homeowner's insurance industry.

(c) On or before December 1, 2016, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, in collaboration with the Consumer Protection Division, shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and House Economic Matters Committee.”;

in line 10, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 11, strike “October” and substitute “June”.