

HB1215/287373/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1215
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Appliances –” and substitute “Appliances and”; and in the same line, after “Enforcement” insert “– Study”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 on page 1 down through “terms” in line 14 on page 2 and substitute “requiring the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General to conduct a study of the consumer protections available to purchasers of home appliances who seek enforcement of certain warranties; requiring the study to analyze certain complaints, evaluate whether certain requirements and remedies under State and federal law provide adequate protection to certain purchasers of home appliances, and make a certain determination; requiring the Consumer Protection Division to consult with certain persons in conducting its study; requiring the Consumer Protection Division to report certain findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 16 through 21, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 23, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 2 through line 19 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) (1) The Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General shall conduct a study of the consumer protections available to purchasers of home appliances who seek enforcement of manufacturers’ express warranties on home appliances.

(Over)

(2) The study shall:

(i) analyze complaints received by the Consumer Protection Division relating to home appliances;

(ii) evaluate whether existing requirements and remedies under State and federal law provide adequate protection to purchasers of home appliances who seek enforcement of manufacturers' express warranties on home appliances; and

(iii) determine what, if any, changes to State law are needed to protect consumers who purchase home appliances that do not conform to the manufacturers' express warranties.

(b) In conducting its study, the Consumer Protection Division shall consult with:

(i) consumers and representatives of consumer advocacy organizations;

(ii) manufacturers and retailers of home appliances;

(iii) the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers; and

(iv) any other person that the Consumer Protection Division considers appropriate.

(c) On or before December 31, 2013, the Consumer Protection Division shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, its findings and recommendations, including draft legislation, if any, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.”.

On page 6, in line 20, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; and in line 21, strike “October” and substitute “July”.