

# HOUSE BILL 1481

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Real Property – New Home Sales – Information on Energy–Efficient Options**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a home builder registrant to provide a purchaser with certain  
4 information on energy–efficient options available for installation in a new home  
5 under certain circumstances; requiring a contract for the initial sale of a new home  
6 to contain a certain acknowledgment that the purchaser was provided with certain  
7 information about energy–efficient options; and generally relating to new home sales  
8 and energy–efficient options for the home.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Business Regulation  
11 Section 4.5–603  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Real Property  
16 Section 14–117(m)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Business Regulation**

22 4.5–603.

23 **(A) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A DEVELOPMENT THAT**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 CONTAINS 11 OR MORE NEW HOMES TO BE BUILT BY THE SAME REGISTRANT.

2 (2) PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF ANY CONTRACT FOR THE INITIAL  
3 SALE OF A NEW HOME, A REGISTRANT SHALL PROVIDE THE PURCHASER WITH  
4 WRITTEN INFORMATION ABOUT ANY ENERGY-EFFICIENT OPTIONS, INCLUDING A  
5 STATEMENT THAT TAX CREDITS MAY BE AVAILABLE RELATED TO THE  
6 ENERGY-EFFICIENT OPTIONS, THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSTALLATION IN THE  
7 HOME BEFORE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOME IS COMPLETED.

8 (B) A registrant shall include in any contract for the initial sale of a new home the  
9 information required under § 14-117(a)(3) [and], (i), AND (M) of the Real Property Article,  
10 if applicable.

11 **Article – Real Property**

12 14-117.

13 (M) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A DEVELOPMENT THAT  
14 CONTAINS 11 OR MORE NEW HOMES TO BE BUILT BY THE SAME HOME BUILDER.

15 (2) A CONTRACT FOR THE INITIAL SALE OF A NEW HOME, AS DEFINED  
16 IN THE MARYLAND HOME BUILDER REGISTRATION ACT, SHALL CONTAIN AN  
17 ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE PURCHASER WAS PROVIDED BY THE HOME BUILDER  
18 WITH WRITTEN INFORMATION ABOUT ANY ENERGY-EFFICIENT OPTIONS,  
19 INCLUDING A STATEMENT THAT TAX CREDITS MAY BE AVAILABLE RELATED TO THE  
20 ENERGY-EFFICIENT OPTIONS, THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSTALLATION IN THE  
21 HOME BEFORE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOME IS COMPLETED.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2018.