

renumber and recodify Sections 247(d), 248, 260, 261, 265 and 268 of said Article and subtitle, said Sections to be henceforth numbered within said Article and subtitle as follows: Section 247(d) to be numbered Section 248, Section 248 to be numbered 268, Section 260 to be numbered 262, Section 261 to be numbered 265, Section 265 to be numbered 266, and Section 268 to be numbered 269; revising, reorganizing and generally relating to the Home-Improvement Law of this State, designating the executive secretary of the Home-Improvement Commission as executive director, requiring appointment or employment by a licensed contractor as a condition to issuance of a salesman's home-improvement license, extending the licensing requirements of the home-improvement law, providing sanctions against willful violation of orders of the Commission and for their enforcement, prescribing grounds for refusal of home-improvement licenses to applicants, and requiring in home-improvement contracts inclusion of finance charges and descriptions of security taken.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 262, 266 and 269 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement, hereinafter referred to as "the Code"), title "Licenses," subtitle "Home-Improvement Law," be and they are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Sections 249(c), 252, 255(b), 256, 257(f), 258, 259, and 261(b), (C) AND (D), of said Article and subtitle of the Code are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and certain sections thereof renumbered, and that new Section 258 is hereby added to said Article and subtitle to follow immediately after Section 257 thereof, and all to read as follows:

249.

(c) "Home improvement" means the repair, replacement, remodeling, alteration, conversion, modernization, improvement, or addition to any land or building, or that portion thereof which is used or designed to be used as a residence or dwelling place; and shall include the construction, replacement, or improvement of driveways, swimming pools, porches, garages, landscaping, fences, *fallout shelters* and other improvements to structures or upon land which is adjacent to a dwelling house. "Home improvement" shall not include (i) the construction of a new home building or work done by a contractor in compliance with a guarantee of completion of a new building project, or (ii) the sale of goods or materials by a seller who neither arranges to perform nor performs directly or indirectly any work or labor in connection with the installation of or application of the goods or materials. Without regard to the extent of affixation, "home improvement" includes the installation of central heating or air-conditioning systems, storm windows, awnings, or fire alarms.

252.

(a) The Commission shall employ and may discharge at any time an executive [secretary] *director* who shall be a full-time employee of the State. The executive [secretary] *director* shall:

(1) Take charge of the office of the Commission;