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By: Senator Mautz

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A BILL ENTITLED

| 1 | AN ACT concerning |
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| 2 3 | Maryland Home Improvement Commission – Residential Solar Power System Installation – Contractor License Required |
| 4 5 6 | FOR the purpose of requiring a person to have a contractor license to install residential solar power system equipment; and generally relating to contractor licenses and residential solar power system equipment. |
| 7 8 9 10 11 | BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Business Regulation Section 8–101 Annotated Code of Maryland (2024 Replacement Volume) |
| 12 13 14 15 16 | BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Business Regulation Section 8–301(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2024 Replacement Volume) |
| 17 18 | SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: |
| 19 | Article – Business Regulation |
| 20 | 8–101. |
| 21 | (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated. |
| 22 | (b) "Commission" means the Maryland Home Improvement Commission. |



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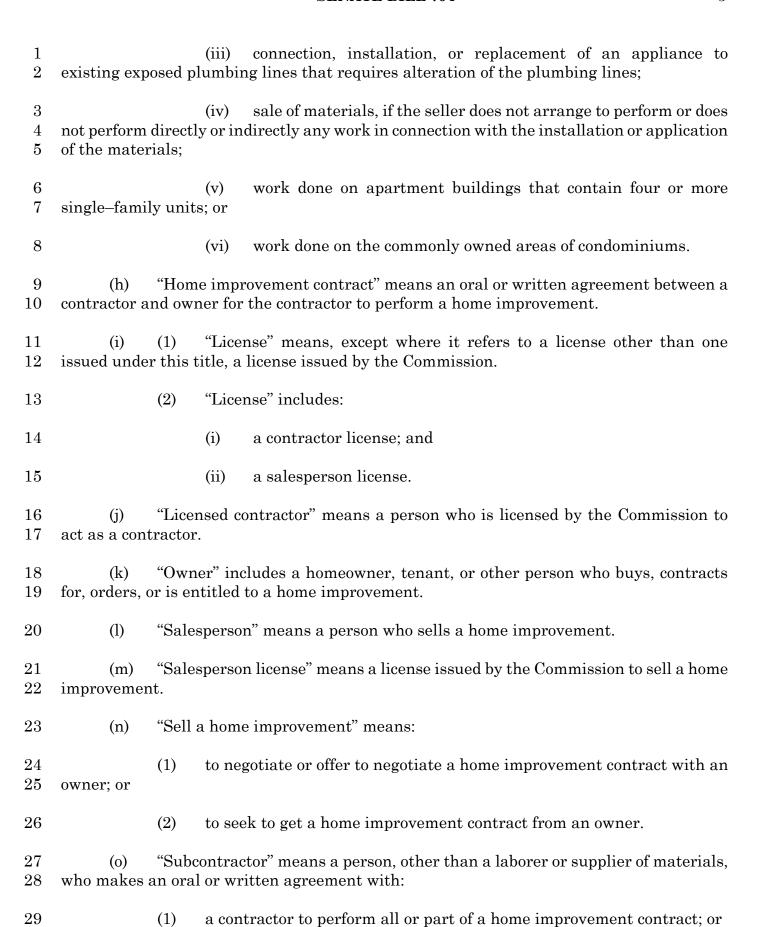
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building project;

(ii)

"Contractor" means a person, other than an employee of an owner, who 1 2 performs or offers or agrees to perform a home improvement for an owner. 3 (d) "Contractor license" means a license issued by the Commission to act as a 4 contractor. "Fund" means the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund. 5 (e) 6 "Hearing board" means a home improvement hearing board appointed by the 7 Commission under § 8–313 of this title. 8 (g) (1) "Home improvement" means: 9 the addition to or alteration, conversion, improvement, (i) modernization, remodeling, repair, or replacement of a building or part of a building that 10 is used or designed to be used as a residence or dwelling place or a structure adjacent to 11 12 that building; or 13 (ii) an improvement to land adjacent to the building. **(2)** "Home improvement" includes: 14 15 construction, improvement, or replacement, on land adjacent to 16 the building, of a driveway, fall-out shelter, fence, garage, landscaping, deck, pier, porch, 17 or swimming pool; 18 a shore erosion control project, as defined under § 8–1001 of the (ii) 19 Natural Resources Article, for a residential property; 20 connection, installation, or replacement, in the building or (iii) 21structure, of a dishwasher, disposal, or refrigerator with an icemaker to existing exposed 22household plumbing lines; 23installation, in the building or structure, of an awning, fire 24alarm, or storm window; [and] 25 (v) work done on individual condominium units; AND 26 (VI) INSTALLATION OF SOLAR POWER SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT 27 THAT IS USED TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY FOR USE ON THE PROPERTY. "Home improvement" does not include: 28(3) 29(i) construction of a new home;

work done to comply with a guarantee of completion for a new



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- 1 (2) another subcontractor to perform all or part of a subcontract to a home 2 improvement contract.
- 3 8–301.
- 4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person must have a contractor 5 license whenever the person acts as a contractor in the State.
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 7 October 1, 2025.