

HOUSE BILL 970

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By: **Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Holmes, Reznik, and West**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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 a new home under certain
5 circumstances; requiring a contract for the initial sale of a new home to contain a
6 certain acknowledgment that the purchaser was informed about certain
7 energy–efficient options; and generally relating to new home sales and
8 energy–efficient alternatives 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 2016 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Real Property
16 Section 14–117(m)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 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**
24 **CONTAINS 11 OR MORE NEW HOMES TO BE BUILT BY THE SAME REGISTRANT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF ANY CONTRACT FOR THE INITIAL SALE OF A NEW HOME, A REGISTRANT SHALL PROVIDE THE PURCHASER WITH WRITTEN INFORMATION ABOUT ANY ENERGY-EFFICIENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE HOME BEFORE THE HOME IS COMPLETED.

Article – Real Property

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.