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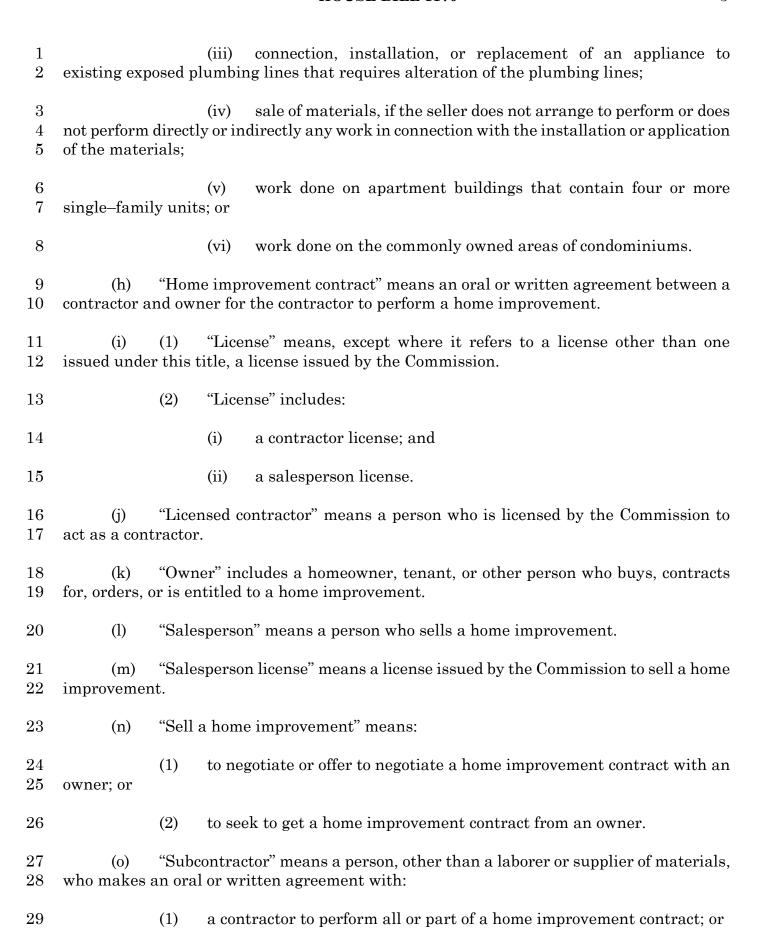
A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning	
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.



 $\begin{array}{c} 5 lr 1111 \\ CF SB 794 \end{array}$

- 1 "Contractor" means a person, other than an employee of an owner, who 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 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;
- 30 (ii) work done to comply with a guarantee of completion for a new 31 building project;



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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.