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Committee Bill No. 319

LCO No. 4240



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

**AN ACT PROHIBITING MANDATORY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION CLAUSES IN HOME IMPROVEMENT AND NEW HOME
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-429 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *January 1, 2014*):

4 (b) No home improvement contract shall be valid or enforceable
5 against an owner if it includes: (1) [any] A provision obligating the
6 owner to instruct the home improvement contractor, by a date
7 determined by such contractor, that periodic home improvements are
8 not to be performed unless it also includes a provision requiring the
9 contractor to remind the owner of that obligation by means of a card or
10 letter mailed to the owner and postmarked not earlier than twenty
11 days, and not later than ten days, prior to such date, or (2) a
12 mandatory alternative dispute resolution clause.

13 Sec. 2. Section 20-417d of the general statutes is amended by adding
14 subsection (e) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2014*):

15 (NEW) (e) No contract shall be valid or enforceable against a
16 consumer if it includes a mandatory dispute resolution clause.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2014</i>	20-429(b)
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2014</i>	20-417d

Statement of Purpose:

To protect the right of homeowners and potential homeowners to bring disputes to court.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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