

# SENATE BILL 824

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By: **Senator Conway**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Real Estate Licensees – Verification of Service Provider Licensing Status**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a licensee of the State Real Estate Commission need not  
4 verify that a certain service provider is licensed by the State under certain  
5 circumstances, notwithstanding any other provision of law and with a certain  
6 exception; requiring a licensee of the Commission to verify that a home improvement  
7 contractor is licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission at a certain  
8 time under certain circumstances; requiring the licensee to give a client certain  
9 information for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; defining a certain  
10 term; and generally relating to verification of licensing status of service providers by  
11 licensees of the State Real Estate Commission.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Business Occupations and Professions

14 Section 17–527.4

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

20 **17–527.4.**

21 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “SERVICE PROVIDER” INCLUDES A MORTGAGE**  
22 **LENDER, A MORTGAGE BROKER, A REAL ESTATE APPRAISER, A HOME INSPECTOR, A**  
23 **PLUMBER, AN ELECTRICIAN, AND A HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR–CONDITIONING,**  
24 **AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTOR.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) "SERVICE PROVIDER" DOES NOT INCLUDE A HOME**  
2 **IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR.**

3           **(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AND EXCEPT AS**  
4 **OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, IF A LICENSEE OFFERS**  
5 **THE NAME OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO A CLIENT IN THE PROVISION OF REAL ESTATE**  
6 **BROKERAGE SERVICES, THE LICENSEE NEED NOT VERIFY THAT THE SERVICE**  
7 **PROVIDER IS CURRENTLY LICENSED BY THE STATE TO PERFORM THE SERVICES.**

8           **(C) IF A LICENSEE OFFERS THE NAME OF A HOME IMPROVEMENT**  
9 **CONTRACTOR TO A CLIENT, THE LICENSEE SHALL:**

10           **(I) FIRST VERIFY THAT THE HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR IS**  
11 **CURRENTLY LICENSED BY THE HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION UNDER TITLE 8**  
12 **OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE TO ACT AS A HOME IMPROVEMENT**  
13 **CONTRACTOR BEFORE OFFERING THE NAME TO THE CLIENT; AND**

14           **(II) INFORM THE CLIENT OF THE WEB SITE ON WHICH THE LICENSING**  
15 **INFORMATION MAY BE FOUND, AND THE DATE ON WHICH THE LICENSEE VERIFIED**  
16 **THE INFORMATION.**

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2016.