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BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 730
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 7 down through “index;” in line 9; in line 19, strike “14–102;” and in the same line, strike “14–214;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 11, inclusive; and strike beginning with “**UNDER**” in line 15 down through “**BRANDS**” in line 16.

On page 3, in line 5, after “**TRANSPARENCY,**” insert “**AND**”; and in the same line, strike “, **AND FAIR DEALING**”.

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 4 through line 24 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 27, strike “**OR FRANCHISOR**”.

On page 7, in line 3, strike “**5**” and substitute “**4**”; strike beginning with “**THE**” in line 4 down through “**(II)**” in line 6; strike beginning with “**OF**” in line 6 down through “**FRANCHISE**” in line 7 and substitute “**THE FRANCHISE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**”; in line 9, after “**(A)**” insert “**ALL FRANCHISEES HAVE THE RIGHT TO JOIN A TRADE ASSOCIATION CONSISTING OF OTHER FRANCHISEES OF THE SAME FRANCHISE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRADE ASSOCIATION FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.**”

(B)”;

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in line 16, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”; in the same line, strike “(A)” and substitute “(B)”; and strike beginning with “INDIVIDUAL” in line 23 down through “SECTION” in line 24 and substitute “FRANCHISEE”.

On page 8, in line 18, after “DOCUMENTS” insert “, INCLUDING FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS THAT WERE NOT SUBMITTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM”.

On page 9, in line 3, after “(2)” insert “THE NUMBER OF FRANCHISORS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM;

(3)”;

in lines 4, 8, 11, and 13, strike “(3)”, “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively, and substitute “(4)”, “(5)”, “(6)”, and “(7)”, respectively; in line 9, strike “CERTAIN” and substitute “ESTABLISHED”; in the same line, after “THE” insert “ELIGIBILITY”; in line 10, after “DETERMINATIONS” insert “REGARDING ESTABLISHED FRANCHISORS”; strike beginning with “THE” in line 11 down through “PROTECTION” in line 12 and substitute “, AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH, THE PROGRAM MAINTAINS OR ENHANCES THE PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO PROSPECTIVE FRANCHISEES UNDER THE MARYLAND FRANCHISE REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURE LAW, INCLUDING:

(I) AN EVALUATION OF WHETHER THE EXPEDITED REVIEW OF FRANCHISOR REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PROGRAM DIMINISHES THE EFFICACY OF THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND REVIEW STANDARDS; AND

(II) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY FRANCHISEE PROTECTION BENEFITS THAT MAY RESULT FROM A MORE TIMELY AND EFFICIENT REGISTRATION PROCESS”;

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and in line 14, after “DOCUMENTS” insert “SUBMITTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM AND FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS THAT WERE NOT SUBMITTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM”.