

BEFORE THE MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF *
THE CLAIM OF STEPHEN CHAMPION *

Claimant *

AGAINST THE MARYLAND *
HOME IMPROVEMENT *
GUARANTY FUND AND *

MHIC Claim No.: 13 (05) 1223

ALEXANDER BARABASH, *
INDIVIDUALLY *
AND DOING BUSINESS AS, *
WELSH CONSTRUCTION *
REMODELING, LLC *
3901 F MONUMENT STREET *
BALTIMORE, MD 21205 *

LICENSES # 01-96580 and 05-49 *

Respondent *

PROPOSED ORDER

Upon a review of the available evidence, the Commission concludes that the Claimant has established a valid claim against the Maryland Home Improvement Guaranty Fund. The evidence established that the Claimant entered into a home improvement contract with the above-named contractor in the amount of \$4,592.00 and that the Respondent accepted a deposit in the amount of \$1,530.00. The Respondent failed to provide services or materials under the contract, and is in violation of Business Regulation Article 8, Section 311(a)(10),

Annotated Code of Maryland (*hereinafter*, "BR"). It has further been established that, as a result of the acts and omissions of the Respondent, the Claimant has sustained an actual loss in the amount of \$1,530.00. Accordingly, the Commission hereby awards the Claimant \$1,530.00 from the Maryland Home Improvement Guaranty Fund, and Orders that:

1. Pursuant to BR 8- 411(a) any home improvement licenses held by the Respondent are suspended and the Respondent is ineligible for any home improvement license until the Respondent has repaid any money paid from the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund pursuant to this Order with 10% annual interest.
2. The records and publications of the Maryland Home Improvement Commission reflect this decision.
3. If either party disagrees with this Proposed Order they may request a hearing or file written exceptions with the Commission. Any request for a hearing or exceptions must be in writing addressed to the Executive Director, Maryland Home Improvement Commission, 500 N. Calvert Street, Room 306, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 and must be received within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this Proposed Order. If neither party files a timely request for hearing or written exceptions, this Proposed Order will become a Final Order at the end of the twenty-one (21) day period.

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BY ORDER OF:

Signature on File

Joseph Tunney
Panel A Chair

DATE: August 15, 2013