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Introduced by M. of A. ALESSI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to establishing county databases of complaints regarding home improvement contractors

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 771-b to read as follows:

S 771-B. HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR DATABASE. EACH COUNTY SHALL MAINTAIN A WEBSITE CONTAINING A DATABASE LISTING ALL COMPLAINTS THE COUNTY BUREAU OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAS RECEIVED REGARDING HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS. THE DATABASE SHALL BE SEARCHABLE BY THE HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR'S NAME, AND SHALL CONTAIN THE NAME OF THE BUSINESS, THE DATE OF THE WORK PERFORMED, THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT, AND HOW THE ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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