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Overview

This act expands an existing state law that prohibits building contractors from receiving kickbacks on homeowner's insurance claims.

- 1 Payment or rebate of insurance deductible.** Expands an existing trade practices law that now applies only to residential roofing and siding to apply to any type of home repair or improvement service. The existing law prohibits contractors from offering to pay the homeowner's insurance deductible or to otherwise compensate the homeowner (for instance by doing additional unrelated work for free), in exchange for the homeowner choosing to use that contractor to make repairs covered by homeowner's insurance. Also makes technical changes in the definition of "residential contractor."
- 2 Applicable law.** Amends an existing Department of Labor and Industry law that regulates building contractors to include violations of section 1 of this act.