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Maryland General Assembly – Business Regulation Roof Mounted Solar Panels and Wildlife Barriers

(e) (1) Except *B.5* provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a home improvement contract for the installation of a solar energy generating system on the roof of a building shall include the installation of a barrier that meets industry standards to prevent wildlife intrusion and damage to the solar energy generating system or the underlying roof.

(2) A home improvement contract for the installation of a solar energy generating system on the roof of a building is not required to include the installation of a barrier as specified under paragraph (1) of this subsection if the customer has waived the installation of the barrier after being informed of the cost of the barrier and the risks of not installing a wildlife barrier.

NOTE: Beginning January 1, 2026 - Solar panel plans must include wildlife barrier information. If the property owner chooses not to install a wildlife barrier, a **Wildlife Barrier Waiver** must be submitted with the plans.

The waiver letter must include:

- Acknowledgment of the option to install a wildlife barrier and the risks of not doing so
- Property address where solar panels will be installed
- Statement requesting the waiver
- Signature of the legal property owner
- Witness signature (unless digitally verified)

Plans will not be approved without this information.