

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM
OF TAWANDA HUGHES**

*** MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT
COMMISSION**

**AGAINST THE MARYLAND HOME
IMPROVEMENT GUARANTY FUND
FOR THE ACTS OR OMISSIONS
OF MARVIN HARRIS
t/a S M ENTERPRISES, LLC**

*** MHIC CASE NO. 17(05)665**

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FINAL ORDER

On this 22nd day of June, 2018, the Maryland Home Improvement Commission
ORDERS that:

1) Pursuant to Business Regulation Article, § 8-408(b)(3)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland, Tawanda Hughes (“Claimant”) provided the Commission with a copy of a final award in arbitration, dated January 29, 2018, with all rights of appeal exhausted. The arbitrator made a total award of \$24,090.47 to the Claimant, based upon the cost to repair and complete the home improvement work of Marvin Harris t/a S M Enterprises, LLC (“Respondent”).

2) Pursuant to Business Regulation Article, § 8-405(e)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland, the maximum recovery permitted for a claim against the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund is \$20,000.00.

3) Pursuant to Business Regulation Article, §§ 8-408(b)(3)(i) and 8-409(a)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland, the Commission directs payment of **\$20,000.00** from the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund to the Claimant.

4) Pursuant to Business Regulation Article § 8-411(a), Annotated Code of Maryland, any home improvement licenses held by the Respondent, Marvin Harris t/a S M Enterprises, LLC, shall be **SUSPENDED**, and the Respondent shall be ineligible for any home improvement licenses, until the Respondent has repaid any money paid from the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund pursuant to this Order, with 10 percent annual interest.

5) The records and publications of the Maryland Home Improvement Commission shall reflect this decision.

6) The payment to the Claimant from the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund shall be authorized thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. During the thirty (30) day period, any party may file an appeal of this decision to Circuit Court.

Joseph Tunney
Chairperson
Maryland Home Improvement
Commission