

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2009-200

REQUESTING THAT THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE A PROPOSAL TO STUDY PROVIDING GREATER CONSUMER PROTECTION TO PURCHASERS OF HOME EXTENDED WARRANTY COVERAGE.

WHEREAS, the benefits provided to purchasers of home extended warranty coverage in connection with the purchase of a home can be of little or no value to the purchaser if the purchaser is required to repair or replace defective products with products that do not meet current energy efficiency or other industry standards; and

WHEREAS, providing consumers the ability to upgrade products to current energy efficiency or other industry standards would benefit consumers and help the state become more energy-efficient and preserve its resources,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the appropriate interim committee or committees take all necessary and appropriate action to review and study providing greater consumer protection to purchasers of home extended warranty coverage, including without limitation:

(1) Whether the repair or replacement of products under a home extended warranty should be required to meet current energy efficiency and other industry standards; and

(2) Under what terms and conditions a consumer should be permitted to choose to repair or replace a defective product under a home extended warranty with a new or used product that meets current energy efficiency and other industry standards.

BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT the appropriate interim committee or committees report its findings and recommendations to the Eighty-Seventh General Assembly.

1 Respectfully submitted,

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