

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §21-11A-5

## **§21-11A-5. Contract for residential improvements; notice.**

(a) Upon entering into a contract for residential improvements, the contractor shall provide notice to the owner of the real property of the right of the contractor, or any subcontractor, supplier or design professional to offer to cure construction defects before a claimant may commence litigation against the contractor, or a subcontractor, supplier or design professional. Such notice shall be conspicuous and may be included as part of the underlying contract.

(b) The notice required by subsection (a) of this section shall be in substantially the following form:

WEST VIRGINIA STATE LAW, AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE 11A OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CONTAINS IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS YOU MUST FOLLOW BEFORE YOU MAY FILE A LAWSUIT FOR DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION AGAINST THE CONTRACTOR WHO MADE RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY. AT LEAST NINETY DAYS BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR LAWSUIT, YOU MUST DELIVER TO THE CONTRACTOR A WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS YOU ALLEGE ARE DEFECTIVE AND PROVIDE YOUR CONTRACTOR AND ANY SUBCONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS OR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE AN OFFER TO REPAIR OR PAY FOR THE DEFECTS. YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO ACCEPT ANY OFFER MADE BY THE CONTRACTOR OR ANY SUBCONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS OR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS. THERE ARE DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES UNDER STATE LAW AND FAILURE TO FOLLOW THEM MAY AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO FILE A LAWSUIT.