

58-4512. Home inspections, standards; disclaimer of liability, limitations; actions to recover damages, time for filing, amount of damages; pre-inspection notice. (a) It is the duty of all home inspectors registered under this act to conduct home inspections with the degree of care that a reasonably prudent home inspector would exercise under the circumstances.

(b) All home inspections shall be conducted according to a standard of practice and a code of ethics approved by the board.

(c) No registered home inspector may include, as a term or condition in an agreement to conduct a home inspection, any provision that disclaims the liability for any errors and omissions which may arise during a home inspection, or limit the amount of damages for liability for any errors and omissions which may arise during a home inspection to less than \$10,000 in the aggregate for each home inspection and such term or condition or limitation setting the liability at an amount greater than \$10,000 must be provided to the customer in writing to be in effect.

(d) An action to recover damages for any act or omission of a registered home inspector relating to a home inspection or home inspection report must be brought not more than 12 months from the date the home inspection was performed and may be initiated only by the client for which the home inspection was conducted.

(e) In any action to recover damages for any error or omission of a registered home inspector relating to a home inspection or home inspection report, a registered home inspector is liable for any errors and omissions which may arise during a home inspection in an amount of not to exceed \$2,000 in the aggregate for each home inspection, or to the amount in the pre-inspection agreement to conduct a home inspection, if greater than \$2,000 in the aggregate for each home inspection, provided that a registered home inspector provides the customer with a clear written description in the pre-inspection agreement of any greater limitations on the liability of the registered home inspector for any errors and omissions which may arise during the home inspection.

(f) All home inspectors registered under this act shall provide clients with a written pre-inspection notice prior to the home inspection.

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