

ularly the adoption, amendment or repeal of rules, regulations or forms (Code 1975, Corporations & Associations Art., sec. 11-202).

DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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The Consumer Protection Division was created by Chapter 388, Acts of 1967, and is headed by an Assistant Attorney General who is Chief of the Division. The Division is concerned with the control and regulation of fraud and false advertising to consumers and is responsible for the enforcement of certain civil and criminal provisions provided by the Act. The Division is also charged with the responsibility of recommending to the Governor and the General Assembly legislation to protect the public from fraudulent schemes and promotions and also reports to the appropriate law enforcement officers any information concerning violations of laws affecting consumers. The Division also seeks to assist, develop and conduct programs of consumer education and information through publications and other informational and educational materials prepared for dissemination to the consuming public. The Division also undertakes activities to encourage business and industry to maintain high standards of honesty, fair business practices and public responsibility "in the production, promotion, and sale of consumer goods and services" (Code 1975, Commercial Law Art., secs. 13-101 to 13-501).

MARYLAND CONSUMER COUNCIL

Chairman: Robert E. Moss, 1982

Phyllis Garbis, 1978; Stanley Kauffman, 1978; Dorothy Murray, 1978; Franklin

Beard, 1980; Ellen Haas, 1980; Esther Peterson, 1980; Sarah L. Giles, 1982; Douglas Schmenner, 1982.

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The Maryland Consumer Council, created by Chapter 609, Acts of 1974, as part of the Division of Consumer Protection, consists of the division chief and nine members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate. Three members represent consumer groups or interests, three represent business groups or interests and three represent the private sector in staggered terms of six years. The council has a staff of two and serves without compensation. It selects its own chairman and meets to advise the division on general goals, undertake studies and reports, and foster cooperation among federal, state and local agencies, and private groups. (Code 1975, Commercial Law Art., sec. 13-202).

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The Antitrust Division was created by Chapter 357, Acts of 1972, and is headed by an Assistant Attorney General. The Division is concerned with enforcing the Maryland Antitrust Act which governs restraints of trade, unfair competition, monopolies, and other acts or practices which restrain or tend to restrain trade and commerce within the State of Maryland. The Act calls for both civil and criminal enforcement of its provisions and permits the Attorney General to cooperate with officials of the federal government and the several states in the enforcement of the antitrust laws. (Code 1975, Commercial Law Art., secs. 11-201 to 11-213).