

THE DIVISION MAY SEEK THE COOPERATION OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITIES AND CONTRACTING DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE IN CONNECTION WITH ITS INVESTIGATION OF A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OR WHO HAS A CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE.

(D) DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT.

IF THE DIVISION DETERMINES THAT THE COMPLAINT LACKS REASONABLE GROUNDS ON WHICH TO BASE A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE, IT MAY:

(1) DISMISS THE COMPLAINT; OR

(2) CONDUCT ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

(E) CONSUMER MAY RESORT TO OTHER REMEDIES.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT A CONSUMER FROM:

(1) EXERCISING ANY RIGHT OR SEEKING ANY REMEDY TO WHICH HE MIGHT OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED; OR

(2) FILING A COMPLAINT WITH ANY OTHER AGENCY OR COURT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 83, §20F, except for the provisions of that section which relate to conciliation, now contained in §13-402.

In subsection (a) of this section, the more general reference "violation of this title" is substituted for the somewhat anomalous phrase "unlawful trade practice as set forth in §20D"; present §20D defines "unfair or deceptive trade practice," not "unlawful trade practice." The general reference clarifies and conforms the application of this subtitle to all violations of this title, consistent with the apparent intent of the Legislature when it amended the Consumer Protection Act by Ch. 609, Acts of 1974.

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to the Division's right to exercise its authority under §20C, now §13-204, is deleted as unnecessary.

The only other changes are in style.

13-402. CONCILIATION.