

1 mandatory effect upon the General Assembly. It does  
2 not give nor detract from the powers of the General  
3 Assembly to enact legislation in this area.

4 In the past it has provided a Consumer Protection  
5 Bureau, which is a division of the Attorney General's  
6 office. That division is functioning and the committee  
7 heard testimony from the Chief of that Division.

8 In certain instances the legislature has acted  
9 in this area and much, much needs to be done. But to say  
10 that this provision will guarantee that we will have  
11 super protection, super education, against harmful and  
12 unfair business practices simply is not the constitutional  
13 guarantee that it purports to be.

14 In the case of 2 Md 341, Watkins v. Watkins,  
15 Annotation to Article VIII to the present Declaration  
16 of Rights, it was held, the Judiciary may not compel  
17 action on the part of a coordinate branch.

18 To say that our Court of Appeals or any court  
19 of this state would compel the General Assembly to enact  
20 legislation in this area is simply misleading those who  
21 would put their faith and trust in this provision.