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~~NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) SHALL BE EXPENDED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN ANY YEAR FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~26.~~ 24.

(A) *The Attorney General shall be authorized from time to time to recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly legislation to protect the public from fraudulent promoters and the schemes which they propose.*

(B) THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION CREATED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO APPOINT AN ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL IN CHARGE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION, WHOSE ANNUAL SALARY SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS FURTHER DIRECTED TO EMPLOY SUCH INVESTIGATORS AND CLERICAL STAFF AS HE DEEMS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

~~27.~~ 25.

In any action brought under the provisions of this Act, the Attorney General is entitled to recover the costs thereof for the use of the State.

~~28.~~ 26.

If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

~~29.~~ 27.

THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS THE "CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT."

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved April 21, 1967.

CHAPTER 389
(Senate Bill 42)

AN ACT to add new Sections 132A, 132B, and 137A to Article 83 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume),