

Section 166 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle, "Consumer Products Guaranty Act," and new subheadings, "Definitions and Rules of Construction," "Duties of Guarantors," "Defenses Available to Guarantors," "Disclosure Requirements," "Full or Partial Guaranties," "Service Contracts," "Designation of Representatives," "Consumer Protection Division," and "Remedies," to provide standards for guaranties covering consumer products and generally relating thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 167 through 176 be and they are hereby added to Article 83 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Sales and Notices," to follow immediately after Section 166 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Consumer Products Guaranty Act," and new subheadings "Definitions and Rules of Construction," "Duties of Guarantors," "Defenses Available to Guarantors," "Disclosure Requirements," "Full or Partial Guaranties," "Service Contracts," "Designation of Representatives," "Consumer Protection Division," and "Remedies," and all to read as follows:

CONSUMER PRODUCTS GUARANTY ACT

167.

This Act may be cited as the "Consumer Products Guaranty Act."

168.

Definitions and Rules of Construction

For the purposes of this Act:

(a) "Consumer products" means goods and services ~~normally~~ used for personal, family or household purposes, the actual cash sales price of which to the person guaranteed was in excess of ten dollars.

(b) "Services" means work, labor, or any other kind of activity furnished or agreed to be furnished to a consumer including but not limited to ~~building and construction~~ HOME IMPROVEMENT services, the repair of automobiles, television sets and other similar products, the repair or installment of plumbing, heating, electrical or mechanical devices, the actual cash sales price of which to the person guaranteed was in excess of ten dollars. However, nothing herein shall apply to the professional services of accountants, architects, clergymen, lawyers and medical and dental practitioners.

(c) "Person guaranteed" means EITHER the first buyer at retail of any consumer product to whom a guaranty is given or such other person who is entitled to enforce against the guarantor the obligations of the guaranty.

(d) "Guarantor" means any person, corporation, partnership or association engaged in the business of making consumer products available to consumers who ~~gives~~ MAKES a guaranty.

(e) "Guaranty" means:

(1) ~~Any~~ Any written affirmation of fact or written promise made at the time of sale of consumer products by a guarantor to a person