

(19) IF THE BOARD FAILS TO CONCILIATE A COMPLAINT AFTER THE PARTIES HAVE, IN GOOD FAITH, ATTEMPTED A CONCILIATION; OR, FAILS TO EFFECT AN ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE OR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT; OR, DETERMINES THAT A COMPLAINT IS NOT SUSCEPTIBLE OF CONCILIATION, HE SHALL TRANSMIT THE MATTER TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION.

(20) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL PREVENT ANY PERSON FROM EXERCISING ANY RIGHT OR SEEKING ANY REMEDY TO WHICH HE MIGHT OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED OR FROM FILING ANY COMPLAINT WITH ANY OTHER AGENCY, COURT OF LAW OR EQUITY.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 46A (l) to (t) be and they are hereby added to the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1965 Edition and 1973 Supplement, as added by Chapter 573 of the Acts of 1970) to read as follows:

Article 19

46A.

(L) FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTIONS (M) THROUGH (T), THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

(1) "CONSUMER" MEANS A PURCHASER, LESSEE OR RECIPIENT OR PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, LESSEE OR RECIPIENT OF CONSUMER GOODS OR SERVICES OR CONSUMER CREDIT.

(2) "CONSUMER GOODS, SERVICES, CREDIT AND DEBTS" ARE GOODS, SERVICES, CREDIT, DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS WHICH ARE PRIMARILY FOR PERSONAL, HOUSEHOLD, FAMILY OR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

(3) "TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL" MEANS THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND WHICH IS COMPRISED OF CALVERT, CHARLES AND SAINT MARY'S COUNTY.

(M) THERE IS AN ADVISORY BOARD ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS SERVING THE CALVERT, CHARLES AND SAINT MARY'S TRI-COUNTY AREA TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE CONSUMER PUBLIC OF THE AREA. THE BOARD IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL.

(N) THE BOARD SHALL BE COMPRISED OF ~~[[FIVE]]~~ THREE PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL AND CHOSEN FROM THE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL. THE DIRECTOR OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS SHALL BE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TRI-COUNTY