

CHAPTER 609

(Senate Bill 392)

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection - Division of Consumer Protection

FOR the purpose of establishing certain legislative purposes for changes in the consumer protection law contained in this Act; adding certain term definitions; eliminating certain provisions relating to unlawful consumer practices; providing for the liberal construction of consumer protection provisions; providing for the creation of a Consumer Council and the appointment, powers, goals and terms of the Council and members; establishing certain powers for the Division of Consumer Protection; prescribing certain standards defining unfair or deceptive [[or unconscionable]] trade practices; providing certain rulemaking and regulatory powers for the Division of Consumer Protection; providing certain complaint, investigative, agreement and related procedures concerning certain violations; prescribing certain penalties and remedies for violations under the "Consumer Protection" subheading; providing for certain hearing procedures; restricting application, to certain persons, of "Consumer Protection" provisions; providing for the enforcement of certain provisions by State agencies; providing [[that certain provisions enacted by local subdivisions have preemptive effect over certain laws; and generally relating to powers and functions of the Division of Consumer Protection and laws of consumer protection.]] that local subdivisions may adopt more stringent provisions not inconsistent with the provisions in this Act; to correct language; and generally relating to powers and functions.

BY adding to

Article 83 - Sales and Notices
Section 19A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,