CHAPTER 859

(Senate Bill 680)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Licensing and Regulation - Consumer Representatives

FOR the purpose of providing consumer representation on all boards, commissions, and councils within the State Department of Licensing and Regulation.

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments
Section 221A(c), (d), and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 221A(c), (d), and (e) be and [[it is]] they are hereby added to Article 41 — Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments

221A.

EVERY BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COUNCIL, WHETHER REGULATORY OR ADVISORY, WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION SHALL INCLUDE AS A MEMBER ONE OR MORE CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE A MEMBER GENERAL PUBLIC WHO IS NOT A LICENSEE OR [[OTHERWISE]] SUBJECT TO REGULATION AND HAS NOT WITHIN THE YEAR PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT HAD ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST IN OR COMPENSATION FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL, ASSOCIATION, UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY SUBJECT TO LICENSING OR REGULATION BY THE BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL ON WHICH THAT PERSON IS SERVING OR SERVE. IF EXISTING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COUNCILS DO NOT INCLUDE CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES AS DEFINED IN THIS SUBSECTION ON JULY 1, 1974, APPOINTMENTS MACE THEREAFTER, WHETHER BY THE GOVERNOR SECRETARY, SHALL ADD ONE OR MORE CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES