

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

Supplements), Title 1, "Administration", to follow immediately after Section 1-802 thereof and to be under the new Subtitle 9, "Consumer Affairs", and to read as follows:

SECTION 1-900

THERE IS HEREBY CREATED WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE BUDGET THE BOARD OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE (5) MEMBERS TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, ONE (1) OF WHOM SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS CHAIRMAN. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION. THE BOARD SHALL ALSO HAVE SUCH STAFF, EMPLOYEES OR CONSULTANTS AS MAY BE PROVIDED FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE BUDGET.

SECTION 1-901

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE BELOW LISTED TERMS SHALL BE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) "MERCHANT" MEANS A PERSON WHO OFFERS MERCHANDISE OR SERVICES FOR PURCHASE BY A CONSUMER.

(2) "PURCHASE" MEANS TAKING BY SALE, DISCOUNT, NEGOTIATION, MORTGAGE, LIEN OR LEASE.

(3) "CONSUMER" MEANS A NATURAL PERSON WHO PURCHASES MERCHANDISE OR SERVICES OR BORROWS MONEY OR RECEIVES CREDIT FOR HIS PERSONAL, FAMILY, HOUSEHOLD OR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

(4) "LENDER" MEANS A PERSON WHO LOANS MONEY OR EXTENDS CREDIT TO A CONSUMER.

(5) "SERVICES" MEANS WORK, LABOR, OR ANY KIND OF ACTIVITY FURNISHED OR AGREED TO BE FURNISHED TO A CONSUMER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, UNDERWRITING SERVICES, THE REPAIR OF AUTOMOBILES, TELEVISION SETS AND OTHER SIMILAR COMMODITIES, THE REPAIR OR INSTALLMENT OF PLUMBING, HEATING, ELECTRICAL OR MECHANICAL DEVICES; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING HEREIN SHALL APPLY TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, ARCHITECTS, CLERGYMEN, PROFESSIONALLY LICENSED ENGINEERS, ATTORNEYS, VETERINARIANS, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTITIONERS, PROFESSIONALLY LICENSED LAND SURVEYORS AND PROPERTY LINE SURVEYORS, OPTOMETRISTS, PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, PODIATRISTS, REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESMEN, OSTEOPATHS, AND MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS ENGAGING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS.