

PREVENTIVE STEPS TO INVESTIGATE UNLAWFUL CONSUMER PRACTICES, TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC IN OBTAINING RELIEF FROM THESE PRACTICES, AND TO PREVENT THESE PRACTICES FROM OCCURRING IN MARYLAND. IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE TO ACCOMPLISH THESE ENDS AND THEREBY MAINTAIN THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 83, §19A.

The only changes are in style.

13-103. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THIS TITLE IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS IN THE STATE.

(B) ADOPTION OF MORE STRINGENT PROVISIONS.

A COUNTY, BALTIMORE CITY, MUNICIPALITY, OR AGENCY OF EITHER MAY ADOPT, WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ITS AUTHORITY, MORE STRINGENT PROVISIONS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.

(C) ENFORCEMENT.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE ENFORCED BY EACH AGENCY OF THE STATE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ITS AUTHORITY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a) and (b) of this section presently appear as Art. 83, §21. Subsection (c) presently appears as Art. 83, §20J(b).

In both subsections (b) and (c), for purposes of clarity and greater accuracy, the phrase "within the scope of its authority" is added.

The only other changes are in style.

13-104. EXEMPTIONS.

THIS TITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, ARCHITECT, CLERGYMAN, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, LAWYER, VETERINARIAN, INSURANCE COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE, INSURANCE AGENT OR BROKER LICENSED BY THE STATE, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTITIONER, LAND SURVEYOR, PROPERTY LINE SURVEYOR, OPTOMETRIST, PHYSICAL THERAPIST, PODIATRIST, REAL ESTATE BROKER OR SALESMAN, OR