

The referenced section of the Federal Trade Commission Act is currently contained in 15 U.S.C. §45(a)(1), which provides as follows: "Unfair methods of competition in commerce, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in commerce, are declared unlawful."

SUBTITLE 2. DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION; CONSUMER COUNCIL.

13-201. DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION CREATED.

THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION IS CREATED AND CONTINUED WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ADMINISTER THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from Art. 83, §19 and the first sentence of §24(b).

13-202. CONSUMER COUNCIL CREATED.

(A) CREATION; DUTIES.

A CONSUMER COUNCIL IS CREATED AND CONTINUED WITHIN THE DIVISION. THE COUNCIL SHALL ADVISE THE DIVISION ON GENERAL GOALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMS, UNDERTAKE STUDIES AND ISSUE REPORTS, AND FOSTER COOPERATION AMONG FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND PRIVATE GROUPS.

(B) ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL.

(1) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF:

(i) THE DIVISION CHIEF; AND

(ii) NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(2) THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES, AS FOLLOWS:

(i) THREE MEMBERS TO REPRESENT CONSUMER GROUPS OR INTERESTS;

(ii) THREE MEMBERS TO REPRESENT BUSINESS GROUPS OR INTERESTS; AND

(iii) THREE MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

(3) THE TERM OF MEMBERSHIP IS SIX YEARS, EXCEPT THAT, OF THE ORIGINAL APPOINTEES, ONE OF EACH CATEGORY SHALL SERVE A SIX-YEAR TERM, ONE OF EACH