

Administrator of the Division of State Documents and with the AELR Committee at least 60 days before their adoption.

The only other changes are in style and organization.

13-205. RULE-MAKING POWER OF DIVISION.

(A) IN GENERAL.

AFTER OBTAINING THE ADVICE OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING, THE DIVISION MAY ADOPT RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING RULES, REGULATIONS, OR STANDARDS WHICH FURTHER DEFINE SPECIFIC UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES.

(B) NOTICE OF HEARING.

IN ADDITION TO ANY PUBLICATION OF NOTICE REQUIRED TO BE MADE IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER BY THE STATE DOCUMENTS LAW, A NOTICE OF THE HEARING SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN TWO DAILY NEWSPAPERS AT LEAST 15 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING.

(C) STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ADOPTION.

IF THE DIVISION ADOPTS A RULE, REGULATION, OR STANDARD, IT SHALL ISSUE A CONCISE STATEMENT OF:

(1) THE REASONS FOR ADOPTION; AND

(2) ANY REASONS AGAINST ADOPTION WHICH WERE REJECTED BY THE DIVISION.

(D) STANDING TO CHALLENGE RULES.

(1) ANY BONA FIDE CONSUMER GROUP OR TRADE ASSOCIATION, THE MEMBERS OF WHICH ARE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY A RULE, REGULATION, OR STANDARD, HAS STANDING TO CHALLENGE IT IN THE NAME OF THE GROUP OR THE ASSOCIATION, EVEN THOUGH THE GROUP OR ASSOCIATION MAY NOT BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE RULE, REGULATION, OR STANDARD.

(2) A CHALLENGE TO A RULE, REGULATION, OR STANDARD SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

(E) COPIES OF RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.

COPIES OF EACH RULE, REGULATION, AND STANDARD SHALL BE FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT AND THE STATE DOCUMENTS LAW AND SHALL BE MADE