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REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 83, §20E.

In this section, the term "rules, regulations, and standards" has been substituted for the present, somewhat inconsistent, use of "rules and regulations" and, simply, "rule." This substitution conforms to the language of Art. 83, §20C(5) - now §13-204(12).

In subsection (a) of this section, the phrase "unfair or deceptive trade practices" is substituted for "unfair, deceptive, or unconscionable trade practices" to conform to the general usage in this title. In this regard, see revisor's note to §13-104.

Subsections (b) and (e) of this section, which were enacted by Ch. 609, Acts of 1974, have been revised to refer to and conform with the State Documents Law, Art. 41, §§ 256B et seq., which was enacted in the same session of the General Assembly by Ch. 600, Acts of 1974. The present requirement of filing notices with the State Department of Legislative Reference is deleted as unnecessary in light of that Act. The Commission notes that under Art. 41, §2560, publication in the Maryland Register "constitutes full compliance with law, notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of the Code." Consequently, the provisions of subsection (b) of this section are directory only and do not speak to the validity of any hearing. However, in conformity with the obvious legislative intent that there be full public dissemination of notices and of rules, regulations and standards, the Commission concluded that retention of this supplemental notice requirement would be generally useful and appropriate.

Present Art. 83, §22B - which was enacted by Ch. 596, Acts of 1974, to grant rule-making power under this title to the Attorney General - is proposed for repeal as unnecessary in light of and as inconsistent with Ch. 609, Acts of 1974, which enacted present §20E, from which §13-205 is derived. In this regard, see Elgin v. Greyhound Lines, 192 Md. 303 (1949), which held that where two or more acts of the same Session of the General Assembly are inconsistent, the later act in numerical order