

## COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

The County Council hereby declares that an emergency exists and that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public health and safety. Therefore, this emergency legislation shall take effect on the date on which it becomes law.

Approved October 1, 1973.

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Chapter 13

Bill No. 22-73

AN ACT to amend Chapter 11, title "Consumer Protection," of the Montgomery County Code 1972, by repealing and re-enacting, with amendments, Section 11-1, title "Definitions," subsection (d) of Section 11-2, title "Office of Consumer Affairs," Section 11-5, title "Exemptions from Chapter" and subsection (a) of Section 11-7, title "Procedures and Enforcement," to define real estate and real estate transactions and to include real estate as a consumer good for the purpose of authorizing the filing of complaints concerning violations of the consumer protection law in connection with the sale of real estate, dwellings or other structures; to authorize the office of consumer affairs to receive such complaints and administer and assure enforcement of the provisions of the consumer protection law pertaining to real estate transactions; to authorize the office of consumer affairs to refer complaints to and cooperate with the Maryland Real Estate Commission on matters within their respective jurisdictions; to delete real estate brokers from the classification of professional services excluded from the application of Chapter 11 of the Montgomery County Code 1972; and to clarify that the jurisdiction of the office of consumer affairs does not extend to defective tenancies arising out of a landlord-tenant relationship governed by Chapter 29 of the Montgomery County Code 1972.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, that -

Sec. 1. Section 11-1 of Chapter 11, title "Consumer Protection," of the Montgomery County Code 1972, is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

11-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following