

## COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

consumer protection matters any information concerning violation of any consumer protection laws.

Sec. 3. Section 11-5 of Chapter 11, title "Consumer Protection," of the Montgomery County Code 1972, is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

11-5 Exclusions. Exemptions from Chapter.

This Chapter shall not apply to:

(1) Professional services of certified public accountants, architects, clergymen, professional engineers, lawyers, veterinarians, insurance agents and brokers licensed by the State of Maryland, Christian Science practitioners, land surveyors and property line surveyors, optometrists, physical therapists, podiatrists, and medical and dental practitioners engaging in their respective professional endeavors.

(2) Any television or radio broadcasting station or to any publisher or printer of a newspaper, magazine, or other form of printed advertising who broadcasts, publishes or prints an advertisement which violates this Chapter except insofar as such station or publisher or printer engages in a deceptive or unconscionable practice in the sale or offering for sale of its own goods or services or has knowledge of the advertising being in violation of this Chapter.

(3) Public service companies subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, as provided in Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(4) Defective tenancies or other complaints concerning any condition in a rental facility which arises out of a landlord-tenant relationship and which constitutes a violation of Chapter 29 of this Code.

(5) The sale of real estate, directly or indirectly by any owner-occupant of the real estate, or re-sale of real estate directly or indirectly by any owner of less than three dwelling units.

Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of Section 11-7 of Chapter 11, title "Procedures and Enforcement," of the Montgomery County Code 1972, is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

11-7 Procedures and Enforcement.

(a) Upon the filing of a complaint as set forth in Section 11-6, the Executive Director of the Office shall