

The Attorney General of the State [shall be] IS the legal adviser to the STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND TO THE STATE ROADS Commission. [He is authorized, any] ANY statute or statutes to the contrary notwithstanding, [to] HE MAY appoint such assistant [or assistants,] ATTORNEYS GENERAL or special attorneys[, ] as may be required to furnish all legal service and advice to the ADMINISTRATION AND THE Commission.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 13-203 of Article - Commercial Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

13-203.

In addition to any other of his powers and duties, the Attorney General:

(1) May recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly legislation to protect the public from fraudulent [[promoters]] PROMOTERS and the schemes they propose;

(2) Shall appoint an assistant, whose salary shall be as provided in the budget, to perform the duties of [special] assistant Attorney General in charge of consumer protection;

(3) Shall employ the investigators and clerical staff which he considers necessary to carry out the purpose of this subtitle; and

(4) May use the funds and employ the media which he considers necessary to:

(i) Fully acquaint the public and business community with the provisions of this title;

(ii) Educate the public as to nefarious schemes which might be foisted on the public;

(iii) Generally study consumer problems from the standpoint of value received by the consumer; and

(iv) Report periodically to the public.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

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