

the General Assembly the placement of all new programs, departments, and other instrumentalities, within the appropriate principal department, and he shall have the authority to assign new units of the State government, departments and programs to such departments at the time of creation unless assigned by law. Nonstatutory units of the State government and programs may be assigned to the appropriate principal department by the Governor. Any appropriated funds involved in a transfer or assignment under the provisions of this section may be transferred by approved budget amendment.

(B) WHEN THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATES AN AGENCY AS AN OFFICIAL STATE AGENCY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A FEDERAL PROGRAM, HE SHALL ADVISE THE LEGISLATURE [[OF]] AND FILE A COPY OF THE DESIGNATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF STATE DOCUMENTS, FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER. THE DESIGNATION SHALL SPECIFY:

(1) THE NAME OF THE STATE AGENCY SO DESIGNATED; AND

(2) THE NAME OF THE FEDERAL PROGRAM IN WHICH TO BE PARTICIPATED.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the Governor may, when circumstances dictate, establish task forces for programs which cut across departmental lines. This shall be limited to programs which require integration of services so as to achieve a governmental program which cannot efficiently be performed through simple cooperation between departments. Such task forces may exist for not more than one year unless their existence is specifically continued by the Governor.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

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CHAPTER 584

(Senate Bill 500)

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection - Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies

FOR the purpose of regulating consumer credit reporting agencies under the Commissioners of Consumer Credit; providing for definitions and when consumer reports