

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection - Real Property

FOR the purpose of including certain real property transactions, certain activities related to these transactions, and certain leases and rentals within the scope of the Consumer Protection Act and the meaning of "unfair or deceptive trade practices"; deleting certain unnecessary and repetitive language; and clarifying certain provisions related to the protection of consumers from unfair or deceptive trade practices.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Commercial Law

Section 13-101(c), (d), and (g), 13-102(a)(1) and (b)(2), 13-204(9), 13-301, and 13-303

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 13-101(c), (d), and (g), 13-102(a)(1) and (b)(2), 13-204(9), 13-301, and 13-303 of Article - Commercial Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

13-101.

(c) (1) "Consumer" means an actual or prospective purchaser, lessee, or recipient of consumer goods, consumer services, CONSUMER REALTY, or consumer credit.

(2) "Consumer" includes a co-obligor or surety for a consumer.

(d) "Consumer credit," "consumer debts," "consumer goods," "CONSUMER REALTY", and "consumer services" mean, respectively, credit, debts or obligations, goods, REAL PROPERTY, and services which are primarily for personal, household, family, or agricultural purposes.

(g) "Merchant" means a person who directly or indirectly either offers or makes available to consumers any consumer goods, consumer services, CONSUMER REALTY, or consumer credit.

13-102.

(a) (1) The General Assembly of Maryland finds