

~~deceit, and financial hardship; to encourage competition, fair dealing, and prosperity in the field of invention development services by requiring adequate disclosure and financial security; permitting certain remedies, and investigative powers by the Attorney General providing that certain actions concerning invention services are unfair or deceptive trade practices under the Consumer Protection Act.~~

BY adding to repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Commercial Law

Section ~~14-1301 through 14-1311, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 13. Regulation of Invention Development Services" 13-301(9)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 14-1301 through 14-1311, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 13. Regulation of Invention Development Services" be and they are hereby added to Section 13-301(9) of Article - Commercial Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:~~

Article - Commercial Law

~~SUBTITLE 13. REGULATION OF INVENTION DEVELOPMENT SERVICES~~

~~14-1301. DEFINITIONS.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED, UNLESS A DIFFERENT MEANING CLEARLY APPEARS FROM THE CONTEXT.~~

~~(B) "CONTRACT FOR INVENTION DEVELOPMENT SERVICES" MEANS A CONTRACT BY WHICH AN INVENTION DEVELOPER UNDERTAKES INVENTION DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR A CUSTOMER.~~

~~(C) "CUSTOMER" MEANS ANY PERSON, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY THAT IS SOLICITED BY, OR ENTERS INTO A CONTRACT FOR INVENTION DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WITH, AN INVENTION DEVELOPER.~~

~~(D) "INVENTION DEVELOPMENT" MEANS THE EVALUATION, PERFECTION, MARKETING, BROKERING, OR PROMOTION OF AN INVENTION BY AN INVENTION DEVELOPER, INCLUDING A PATENT SEARCH, PREPARATION OR PROSECUTION OF A PATENT APPLICATION, AND ANY OTHER ACT BY AN INVENTION DEVELOPER DONE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING OR ATTEMPTING TO PROCURE A LICENSEE, BUYER OR PATENT FOR AN INVENTION. INVENTION DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE~~