

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law
Section 13-206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 13-206 be and it is hereby added to Article - Commercial Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

13-206.

(A) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "LEGAL ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION" MEANS A FIRM, GROUP, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY WHICH RECOMMENDS, FURNISHES, ARRANGES, OR PAYS FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR ITS OWN MEMBERS OR BENEFICIARIES, WHETHER OR NOT FOR PROFIT.

(B) A LEGAL ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT SELL OR OFFER ITS SERVICES FOR SALE IN MARYLAND EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(C) A LEGAL ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION ANNUALLY SHALL FILE A REPORT WITH THE DIVISION OF ITS INTENTION TO OFFER ITS LEGAL SERVICES IN THE STATE. ~~THE REPORT SHALL CONTAIN SUCH INFORMATION AS IS REQUIRED BY THE DIVISION AND BY THE MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE ACTIVITIES AND ITS FINANCIAL CONDITION.~~

(D) A LEGAL ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION WHICH SELLS OR OFFERS ITS LEGAL SERVICES IN THE STATE ~~WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH SUBSECTION (C) IS SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF \$500 FOR EACH DAY ITS REPORT IS NOT FILED WITH THE DIVISION IS SUBJECT TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIVISION WITHIN THIS SUBTITLE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~January 1, 1978~~ July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

CHAPTER 846

(House Bill 1844)

AN ACT concerning

Contributing to Certain Conditions