

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on July 1, 1980 Section 2 of this Act shall take effect and the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated without further action by the General Assembly.

Approved May 20, 1980.

CHAPTER 588

(House Bill 13)

AN ACT concerning

Franchises

FOR the purpose of regulating the keeping of business records by certain franchisors, providing for inspection of those records; limiting advertising by franchisors under certain circumstances; and providing for suits against and service of process on certain franchisors.

BY adding to

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 349(23) and (24), 349A, and 350A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

349.

The application for registration of an offer consists of an offering prospectus which shall be filed with the Commissioner and contain the following:

(23) AN AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COMMISSIONER TO EXAMINE THE REGISTRANT'S FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE SALE OF FRANCHISES.

(24) AN IRREVOCABLE CONSENT TO SUIT IN THIS STATE AND APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER AS ATTORNEY TO RECEIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS ON THE FRANCHISOR'S BEHALF.

349A.

EVERY FRANCHISOR OR SUBFRANCHISOR OFFERING FRANCHISES FOR SALE IN THIS STATE SHALL AT ALL TIMES KEEP AND MAINTAIN