

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2006.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 2, 2006.

CHAPTER 371

(House Bill 1016)

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection - ~~Credit Card Issuers and Merchants~~ Merchant Contact Information for Contract Cancellation

FOR the purpose of requiring a ~~credit card issuer to provide to certain cardholders certain contact information for certain merchants at a certain time; requiring certain merchants to provide to certain customers certain contact information~~ merchant that provides consumer goods or consumer services over the Internet under a certain contract with a consumer to include in a certain place on the merchant's website a toll-free telephone number that a consumer can call to cancel the contract and or an address to which a consumer may write to cancel the contract; providing that a violation of this Act is an unfair or deceptive practice within the meaning of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and is subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; defining certain terms; and generally relating to ~~merchant contact information provided to cardholders by credit card issuers~~ merchants that provide consumer goods and consumer services over the Internet.

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law
Section 14-1321
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

14-1321.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.