

(6) with the assistance of a volunteer authorized by the State or local board.

(B) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 16 18 YEARS OLD OR WILL BE 18 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE THE DAY OF THE NEXT SUCCEEDING GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION MAY BE A VOLUNTEER UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(6) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 26, 2005.

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## CHAPTER 570

### (House Bill 691)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Consumer Protection - Immigration Consulting Services**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting ~~immigration consultants~~ certain persons from providing certain types of services to ~~foreign nationals~~ noncitizens and persons seeking to sponsor a noncitizen; providing certain exceptions; prohibiting an immigration consultant from taking certain actions; ~~establishing a certain presumption~~; requiring a certain contract to be executed before an immigration consultant provides certain assistance; requiring certain notices to be posted at an immigration consultant's place of business; ~~establishing certain criminal penalties for a violation of this Act~~ providing that an immigration consultant that violates this Act is guilty of a misdemeanor; ~~establishing certain criminal penalties for a violation of this Act~~; authorizing an individual injured by a violation of this Act to bring a civil action to recover certain fees or other compensation and reasonable attorney's fees in a certain amount; ~~authorizing the court to award certain damages in a certain amount~~; ~~authorizing the court to award certain damages~~; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the regulation of immigration services provided to ~~foreign nationals~~ noncitizens and persons seeking to sponsor a noncitizen.

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law

Section 14-3301 through 14-3306, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 33. Maryland Immigration Consultant Act"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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