

Subsection (a) of this section is revised to apply only "[i]n this section". Although former Art. 41, § 244(b) defined "business" for purposes of former Art. 41, §§ 244 through 256A, the word seemed to be used, as defined, only in former Art. 41, §§ 245A and 255A, since elsewhere in former Art. 41, §§ 244 through 256A, the word appeared only in the context of filing requirements -- i.e., in reference to a party's residence or place of business. For purposes of former Art. 41, § 245A, the definition of "business" in subsection (a) of this section is repeated in § 10-124 of this title.

In subsection (a) of this section, the phrase "professional activity" is substituted for the former phrase "professional entity or activity", to delete the former, specific reference to an "entity", which was unnecessary in light of the use of the word "activity", and to clarify that "professional" modifies "activity".

Subsection (b) of this section is revised to state, as substantive limitations on the scope of this section, former Art. 41, § 255A(a)(2) and (4), which defined "[s]mall business" and "[a]gency". Similarly, subsections (c) and (e)(1) and (2) of this section are revised to restate, as substantive provisions, former Art. 41, § 255A(a)(3), which defined "[r]easonable litigation expenses". In light of these revisions, former Art. 41, § 255A(a)(1), which was standard introductory language to a definition provision, is deleted as unnecessary.

Subsection (b)(1) of this section also is revised to state affirmatively the agencies to which this section applies, and the former phrase "created by general law" is deleted as misleading. This revision and deletion avoid the implication of former Art. 41, § 255A(a)(4) that this section applies to units created by local law. This revision and deletion are consistent with the intent of former Art. 41, § 255A(a)(4) to modify the definition of "agency" under § 10-201 of this subtitle, which includes an entity that is created by general law but does not operate on a Statewide basis.

In subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section, the defined term "including" is substituted for the former phrase "shall be counted for the purpose of determining the number of employees of the business", for brevity.

In subsections (d)(1) and (e)(1)(i) and the introductory language of subsection (c) of this section, the defined term "contested case" is