

CHAPTER 407

(House Bill 18)

AN ACT concerning

Licenses - Collection Agencies

FOR the purpose of altering a definition that operates to include attorneys under the licensing provisions for collection agencies by providing that attorneys are required to be licensed as collection agencies only if they are primarily, rather than regularly, engaged in soliciting debts for collections or adjustment of debt under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses

Section 323

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article 56 - Licenses

323.

(a) In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Collection agency" means all persons directly or indirectly engaged in the business of soliciting from, or collecting for others any claim due or asserted to be owed or due, to a seller, lender, holder, or creditor, arising from transactions involving a Maryland resident seeking or acquiring real or personal property, services, money, or credit for personal, family, or household purposes.

(1) "Collection agency" includes any person who gives away, sells, or attempts to give away or sell to others, any system or series of letters or forms used in the collection of claims which assert or indicate, directly or indirectly that the