

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

Article 56A - Miscellaneous Business Occupations

TITLE 1. DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SUBTITLE 1. DEFINITIONS.

1-101. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: This subsection is new language used as the standard introductory language to a definition section.

(B) CONSUMER MEMBER.

"CONSUMER MEMBER" MEANS A NONPROFESSIONAL MEMBER OF A REGULATORY BOARD WHO IS APPOINTED FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: This subsection is new language added to provide an express definition of "consumer member".

(C) COUNTY.

"COUNTY" MEANS A COUNTY OF THE STATE AND, UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE, BALTIMORE CITY.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: This subsection is new language added to indicate that a reference in this article to "county" includes Baltimore City, unless the reference specifically provides otherwise.

Art. 1, § 14(a) of the Code provides that "county" includes Baltimore City "unless such construction would be unreasonable". However, the word "unreasonable" in that subsection has been interpreted in various ways. Therefore, the Committee concluded that a more explicit definition of "county" should be included here.

(D) DEPARTMENT.

"DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION.