

OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT, IN ITS OWN NAME OR IN THE NAME OF THE MARYLAND WORKFORCE TRAINING FINANCE FUND, PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE OF THE MATTERS DETERMINED THEREIN.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 3-704(a)(3) § 3-703(a)(3) of Article 83A of the Annotated Code, as added by this Act, shall take effect October 1, 1996.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 2 above, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

Approved May 25, 1995.

CHAPTER 611

(Senate Bill 514)

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – Contracts – Copyright Royalties

FOR the purpose of requiring certain ~~copyright owners~~ and performing rights societies to provide certain information to the proprietors of certain retail establishments before entering into contracts with them for the payment of royalties; prohibiting a ~~copyright owner or performing rights society~~ from engaging in certain practices ~~in connection with the collection of royalties~~ when dealing or negotiating with proprietors and when charging or collecting royalties; requiring certain agents or employees of performing rights societies to make certain disclosures to proprietors when discussing certain royalties contracts, the use of copyrighted works by the proprietor, and the payment of certain royalties or fees; prohibiting a ~~copyright owner or performing rights society~~ from charging or collecting a royalty which is unreasonable in comparison to the royalties for similar licenses in a certain area; requiring certain contracts for the payment of royalties to include certain information and to be in a certain form; requiring a performing rights society to offer a proprietor a contract of a certain term but allowing the performing rights society and the proprietor to agree to a contract of another term; providing for the application of this Act; providing for certain ~~penalties remedies~~; providing for certain legal actions; defining certain terms; providing that this subtitle is in addition to certain other laws and that it may not be construed to deny, abrogate, or impair those laws; and generally relating to copyright royalties.

BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law

Section 11-1401 through ~~11-1404~~ 11-1405, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 14. Copyright Royalties”

Annotated Code of Maryland