

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, § 328(f).

In subsections (a) and (b)(2) of this section, the references to "the State Division of Consumer Protection" and "a local consumer protection unit" are substituted for the former references to a "State or local consumer protection division", since the State has only 1 consumer protection unit, named the Division of Consumer Protection, and a local governmental unit need not be a "division". As to local units, these substitutions conform to § 7-202(b)(1)(ii)2 of this title.

Also in subsections (a) and (b)(2) of this section, the general reference to the "Maryland Consumer Debt Collection Act" is substituted for the former references to the specific part of that Act, "§ 14-202 of the Commercial Law Article", since the referenced part listed prohibited acts, rather than authorized an action to enforce that Act.

Subsection (b) of this section is revised so that the limitation "against a licensed collection agency" applies to an action under subsection (b)(2) as well as subsection (b)(1) of this section.

Defined terms: "Board" § 7-101

"Licensed collection agency" § 7-101

7-104. LOCAL LICENSE PROHIBITED.

ONLY THE STATE MAY REQUIRE A PERSON TO HOLD A LICENSE OR TO PAY A FEE TO DO BUSINESS AS A COLLECTION AGENCY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, § 328(e).

The Business Regulation Article Review Committee revised this section to state affirmatively that only the State may license collection agencies. No substantive change is intended.

Defined terms: "Collection agency" § 7-101

"License" § 7-101

"Person" § 1-101

SUBTITLE 2. STATE COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSING BOARD.

7-201. ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A STATE COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSING BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CONSUMER CREDIT IN THE DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, § 325(a).

It is set forth as a separate section for emphasis.