

The word "State" is added to achieve uniformity among the names of the units that this article governs.

The reference to "the Department" is added to clarify the status of the Board as a unit of the Department. See § 2-108(a)(12) of this article.

Defined terms: "Collection agency" § 7-101
"Department" § 1-101

7-202. MEMBERSHIP.

(A) COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.

(1) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 5 MEMBERS:

- (I) AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER, THE COMMISSIONER; AND
- (II) 4 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(2) OF THE 4 APPOINTED MEMBERS:

- (I) 2 SHALL REPRESENT COLLECTION AGENCIES; AND
- (II) 2 SHALL BE CONSUMER MEMBERS.

(B) QUALIFICATIONS OF CONSUMER MEMBERS.

(1) EACH CONSUMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD:

- (I) SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC; AND
- (II) SHALL BE:

1. AN OFFICER OR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF A RECOGNIZED CONSUMER GROUP IN THE STATE; OR

2. AN EMPLOYEE OF A LOCAL CONSUMER PROTECTION UNIT IN THE STATE.

(2) A CONSUMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD MAY NOT:

(I) BE A LICENSEE OR OTHERWISE BE SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE BOARD; OR

(II) WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE APPOINTMENT, HAVE HAD A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN OR HAVE RECEIVED COMPENSATION FROM A PERSON REGULATED BY THE BOARD.

(C) RESTRICTIONS ON CONSUMER MEMBERS.

WHILE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, A CONSUMER MEMBER MAY NOT HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN OR RECEIVE COMPENSATION FROM A PERSON REGULATED BY THE BOARD.