HOUSE BILL 996

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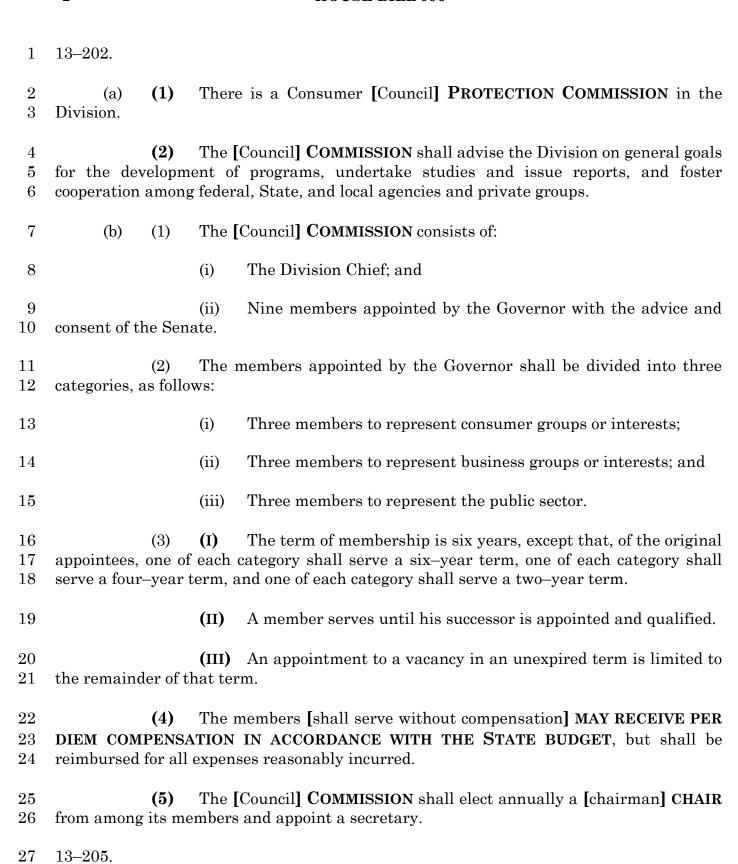
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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Consumer Protection – Consumer Council – Name Change and Other Modifications
4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of changing the name of the Consumer Council in the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to the Consumer Protection Commission; authorizing the members of the Commission to receive certain per diem compensation; and generally relating to consumer protection.
8 9 10 11 12	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Commercial Law Section 13–201 Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
13 14 15 16 17	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Commercial Law Section 13–202 and 13–205(a)(1) Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
18 19	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
20	Article - Commercial Law
21	13–201.
22 23	(a) There is a Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General.
24	(b) The Division shall administer this subtitle.





28 (a) (1) After obtaining the advice of the Consumer [Council] **PROTECTION** 29 **COMMISSION** and holding a public hearing, the Division may adopt reasonable rules,

- 1 regulations, and standards appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this subtitle, including
- 2 rules, regulations, or standards which further define specific unfair or deceptive trade
- 3 practices.
- 4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 5 October 1, 2024.