

Chapter 423

(Senate Bill 757)

AN ACT concerning

~~Consumer Protection—Disclosure of Tariffs and Economic Development – Local Sourcing Database~~

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting a person from not making a certain disclosure on the price of a consumer good~~; requiring the Department of Commerce to develop and maintain a certain database to connect businesses in the State with local sources for supplies and inventory; and generally relating to the establishment of the Maryland Local Sourcing Portal.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article—Commercial Law  
Section 13–301(14)(xlviii) and (15)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2025 Replacement Volume)~~

~~BY adding to  
Article—Commercial Law  
Section 13–301(16)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2025 Replacement Volume)~~

BY adding to  
Article – Economic Development  
Section 2.5–111  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

~~Article—Commercial Law~~

~~13–301.~~

~~Unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practices include any:~~

(14) ~~Violation of a provision of:~~

(xlviii) ~~Section 13–411.1(e)(2) of the Transportation Article; [or]~~

~~(15) Act or omission that relates to a residential building and that is chargeable as a misdemeanor under or otherwise violates a provision of the Energy Conservation Building Standards Act, Title 7, Subtitle 4 of the Public Utilities Article; OR~~

~~(16) FAILURE TO DISCLOSE THAT THE PRICE OF A CONSUMER GOOD INCLUDES A TARIFF IMPOSED ON THE CONSUMER GOOD OR ON COMPONENTS OF THE CONSUMER GOOD AND THE AMOUNT OF THE TARIFF.~~

## Article – Economic Development

### 2.5–111.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “LOCAL SOURCE” MEANS A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT:

(I) IS HEADQUARTERED IN THE STATE; OR

(II) HAS A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS LOCATED IN THE STATE.

(3) “PORTAL” MEANS THE MARYLAND LOCAL SOURCING PORTAL.

(4) “TARIFF-IMPACTED GOODS” MEANS COMMODITIES, SUPPLIES, OR RAW MATERIALS IDENTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY AS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL IMPORT DUTIES OR TRADE VOLATILITY.

(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A SEARCHABLE ONLINE DATABASE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARYLAND LOCAL SOURCING PORTAL, TO CONNECT BUSINESSES IN THE STATE WITH LOCAL SOURCES FOR TARIFF-IMPACTED GOODS AND OTHER SUPPLIES.

(2) THE PORTAL SHALL BE SEARCHABLE BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM CODES.

(3) THE PORTAL SHALL COMPLY WITH:

(I) STATE AND FEDERAL ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS FOR DIGITAL CONTENT; AND

(II) THE DATA MINIMIZATION AND SECURITY STANDARDS OF THE MARYLAND ONLINE DATA PRIVACY ACT.

**(C) (1) PARTICIPATION IN THE PORTAL BY A LOCAL SOURCE SHALL BE VOLUNTARY.**

**(2) THE PORTAL SHALL ENABLE A LOCAL SOURCE TO LIST:**

**(I) THE CATEGORIES OF SUPPLIES OR INVENTORY HELD IN THE STATE; AND**

**(II) A STATUS INDICATOR SIGNIFYING THAT INVENTORY IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.**

**(3) THE PORTAL IS NOT REQUIRED TO DISPLAY SPECIFIC QUANTITIES OR PROPRIETARY STOCK LEVELS.**

**(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY COORDINATE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION, THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO:**

**(1) IDENTIFY POTENTIAL LOCAL SOURCES FOR INCLUSION IN THE PORTAL; AND**

**(2) LEVERAGE EXISTING DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO MINIMIZE THE COST OF DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING THE PORTAL.**

**(E) THE STATE, THE DEPARTMENT, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES SHALL BE HELD HARMLESS FOR ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, OR LOSSES ARISING FROM:**

**(1) THE ACCURACY OR TIMELINESS OF DATA SUBMITTED BY A VOLUNTARY PARTICIPANT; OR**

**(2) ANY TRANSACTION OR AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN PRIVATE PARTIES USING THE PORTAL.**

**(F) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE USE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PORTAL.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of September 30, 2031, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.**