

OAG AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 567

On page 2, after line 10, insert:

ARTICLE – STATE GOVERNMENT

Section(s) 6–201 through 6–203 and the subtitle “Subtitle 2. Electronic Transactions Protection Act” of Article – State Government of the Annotated Code of Maryland are repealed.

On page 2, after line 11, insert:

13-204.1.

- (A) THERE IS A PRIVACY PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT UNIT IN THE DIVISION.
- (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE UNIT IS TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF INDIVIDUALS’ PERSONAL INFORMATION AND TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM UNFAIR, ABUSIVE OR DECEPTIVE PRACTICES ONLINE.
- (C) THE UNIT SHALL:
 - (1) ENFORCE THE MARYLAND ONLINE DATA PRIVACY ACT, TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 46 OF THIS ARTICLE, AND RELATED STATE AND FEDERAL PRIVACY LAWS;
 - (2) EMPOWER AND EDUCATE MARYLAND CONSUMERS WITH INFORMATION ON THEIR RIGHTS AND STRATEGIES FOR PROTECTING THEIR PRIVACY AND ONLINE SAFETY; AND
 - (3) ASSIST, ADVISE, AND COOPERATE WITH LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS IN THE STATE REGARDING PRIVACY RELATED ISSUES AND UNLAWFUL ONLINE CONDUCT OR PRACTICES.