

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to the Board meeting "as frequently as required to perform its duties" is deleted as surplusage.

Defined term: "Board" § 13-628

13-634. PURPOSE, POWERS, AND DUTIES.

(A) PURPOSE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE BOARD IS TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS IN THE REGION.

(B) POWERS AND DUTIES.

THE BOARD MAY:

(1) REPRESENT THE INTEREST OF CONSUMERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE, REGULATORY, AND LEGISLATIVE UNITS;

(2) ASSIST, ADVISE, AND COOPERATE WITH THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAUS OF THE REGION AND LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL UNITS TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE INTEREST OF CONSUMERS;

(3) ASSIST, DEVELOP, AND CONDUCT PROGRAMS OF CONSUMER EDUCATION AND INFORMATION THROUGH PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, PUBLICATIONS, OR OTHER MATERIALS PREPARED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CONSUMERS IN THE REGION;

(4) ENCOURAGE LOCAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY TO MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS OF HONESTY, FAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES, AND PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY IN THE PRODUCTION, PROMOTION, AND SALE OF CONSUMER GOODS AND SERVICES AND IN THE EXTENSION OF CREDIT; AND

(5) EXERCISE AND PERFORM ANY OTHER FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES CONSISTENT WITH THIS PART THAT ARE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF CONSUMERS IN THE REGION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 20, § 4-105(c) through (g) and, as it related to the purpose of the Board, § 4-101.

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, the reference to "consumers in the region" is substituted for the former reference to the "consumer public of the area" for consistency within this subtitle.

In subsection (b)(4) of this section, the former reference to "undertak[ing] activities" to encourage businesses is deleted as surplusage.

In subsection (b)(5) of this section, the reference to consumers "in the region" is substituted for the former reference to "county" consumers for clarity and consistency within this subtitle.