

By Mr. Collins of Amherst, petition of James G. Collins relative to establishing a consumer protection division in the office of each district attorney. Public Serice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISIONS IN THE OFFICE OF EACH DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 12 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 31:—

3 *Section 13A.* There may be in the office of the district attorney
4 for each district a division of consumer protection. Each such
5 district attorney may designate an assistant district attorney as
6 director of said division who by training and experience shall
7 qualify as an expert in consumer law.

1 SECTION 2. Section 4 of chapter 93A, as most recently
2 amended by chapter 544 of the acts of 1972, is hereby amended by
3 adding after the words "attorney general" in the first sentence the
4 words "or district attorney."

1 SECTION 3. The third paragraph of said section 4 of said
2 chapter 93A is hereby amended by striking in the first line the
3 words "district attorney or" and by striking the period at the end of
4 the paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following: —
5 "or the district attorney."

1 SECTION 4. The first sentence of Section 5 of said Chapter
2 93A is hereby amended by adding after the words "The attorney
3 general" the words "or district attorney."

1 SECTION 5. The first sentence of Section 6 of said Chapter
2 93A is hereby amended by adding after the words "The attorney
3 general" the words "or district attorney."

1 SECTION 6. Section 6(2) of said Chapter 93A is hereby
2 amended by adding after the words "attorney general" the words
3 "or district attorney."

1 SECTION 7. Section 6(4) of said Chapter 93A is hereby
2 amended by adding after the words "the attorney general's" the
3 words "or district attorney's."

1 SECTION 8. Section 6(6) of said Chapter 93A is hereby
2 amended by adding after the words "the attorney general" the
3 words "or district attorney."

1 SECTION 9. The second paragraph of Section 7 of said Chapter
2 93A is hereby amended by adding after the words "The attorney
3 general" in the first sentence the words "or district attorney."

1 SECTION 10. Section 8 of said Chapter 93A is hereby
2 amended by adding after the words "attorney general" the word
3 "or district attorney."

1 SECTION 11. The first paragraph of Section 10 of said Chap-
2 ter 93A is hereby amended by adding after both occurrence of the
3 words "the attorney general" the words "or district attorney."