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**DIVISION 1. DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS [100 - 472.5]** ( *Heading of Division 1 amended by Stats. 1973, Ch. 77.* )

**CHAPTER 4. Consumer Affairs [300 - 337]** ( *Chapter 4 added by Stats. 1970, Ch. 1394.* )

**ARTICLE 4. Representation of Consumers [320 - 321]** ( *Article 4 added by Stats. 1970, Ch. 1394.* )

**320.** Whenever there is pending before any state commission, regulatory agency, department, or other state agency, or any state or federal court or agency, any matter or proceeding which the director finds may affect substantially the interests of consumers within California, the director, or the Attorney General, may intervene in such matter or proceeding in any appropriate manner to represent the interests of consumers. The director, or any officer or employee designated by the director for that purpose, or the Attorney General, may thereafter present to such agency, court, or department, in conformity with the rules of practice and procedure thereof, such evidence and argument as he shall determine to be necessary, for the effective protection of the interests of consumers.

(*Amended by Stats. 1975, Ch. 1262.*)

**321.** Whenever it appears to the director that the interests of the consumers of this state are being damaged, or may be damaged, by any person who engaged in, or intends to engage in, any acts or practices in violation of any law of this state, or any federal law, the director or any officer or employee designated by the director, or the Attorney General, may commence legal proceedings in the appropriate forum to enjoin such acts or practices and may seek other appropriate relief on behalf of such consumers.

(*Added by Stats. 1975, Ch. 1262.*)