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**DIVISION 7. GENERAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS [16000 - 18107]** ( *Division 7 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 61.*  )

**PART 2. PRESERVATION AND REGULATION OF COMPETITION [16600 - 17365]** ( *Part 2 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 526.*

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**CHAPTER 4. Unfair Trade Practices [17000 - 17101]** ( *Chapter 4 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 526.*  )

**ARTICLE 1. General Provisions [17000 - 17002]** ( *Article 1 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 526.*  )

[17000.](#) This chapter may be cited as the Unfair Practices Act.

(*Added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 526.*)

[17001.](#) The Legislature declares that the purpose of this chapter is to safeguard the public against the creation or perpetuation of monopolies and to foster and encourage competition, by prohibiting unfair, dishonest, deceptive, destructive, fraudulent and discriminatory practices by which fair and honest competition is destroyed or prevented.

(*Added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 526.*)

[17002.](#) This chapter shall be liberally construed that its beneficial purposes may be subserved.

(*Added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 526.*)