

HOUSE BILL 861

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By: **Delegate Smigiel**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2009

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Practice of Veterinary Medicine – Operating Without a License – Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor to perform a surgical operation on an
4 animal in the State in violation of certain provisions of law; making a person
5 subject to certain penalties on conviction for this misdemeanor; and generally
6 relating to penalties for the illegal practice of veterinary medicine in the State.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Agriculture

9 Section 2–315.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Agriculture**

15 **2–315.1.**

16 **A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE BY**
17 **PERFORMING A SURGICAL OPERATION ON AN ANIMAL IN THE STATE WITHOUT A**
18 **LICENSE, A REGISTRATION, OR AN AUTHORIZATION TO ENGAGE IN THE**
19 **PRACTICE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO**
20 **IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 60 DAYS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR**
21 **BOTH.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2009.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

