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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners - Grounds for Discipline**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to  
4 discipline a veterinarian who is disciplined in another state under certain  
5 circumstances; and generally relating to the Board of Veterinary Medical  
6 Examiners and grounds for discipline.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Agriculture  
9 Section 2-310  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1997 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 2-310.

16 The Board may prescribe reasonable standards for the practice of veterinary  
17 medicine, including conduct and ethics. It may refuse, suspend, or revoke any  
18 application or license, and censure or place on probation any licensee after a hearing,  
19 if the veterinarian:

20 (1) Is adjudicated insane;

1 (2) Is convicted of a violation of any federal or State law relating to  
2 prescription drugs, a controlled dangerous substance under Article 27, § 279 of the  
3 Code, or a controlled substance as defined by 21 U.S.C. § 812;

4 (3) Is convicted of a felony, or of a crime involving moral turpitude;

5 (4) Is convicted of violating any provision of this subtitle, any unlawful or  
6 fraudulent practice, or any fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive representation or  
7 advertising concerning his professional qualifications or the quality of materials or  
8 drugs used by him in his professional work or in the treatment of animals;

9 (5) Has a final judgment entered against him in a civil malpractice case  
10 involving gross personal negligence;

11 (6) Obtains the license by fraud or misrepresentation, either in the  
12 application, or in passing the examination;

13 (7) Is guilty of employing or permitting to practice veterinary medicine  
14 any person who does not hold a license to practice veterinary medicine in the State;

15 (8) Fails to comply with Board rules or regulations after receiving a  
16 license;

17 (9) Is grossly negligent or deliberately cruel to an animal; [or]

18 (10) After a hearing, is determined by four members to be incompetent as  
19 a veterinary practitioner; OR

20 (11) IS DISCIPLINED BY A LICENSING AUTHORITY OF ANOTHER STATE,  
21 INCLUDING THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE TO PRACTICE  
22 VETERINARY MEDICINE, FOR AN ACT THAT WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY  
23 ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
25 effect October 1, 1998.