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By: Senator Middleton

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Grain Dealers Licensing - Civil Penalties

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to impose a certain civil

4 penalty for a certain violation; requiring a certain civil penalty to be paid to a

5 certain fund; requiring the Secretary to adopt regulations; and generally

6 relating to civil penalties concerning grain dealers licensing.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Agriculture

9 Section 13-216

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Agriculture

15 13-216.

16 (A) INSTEAD OF OR IN ADDITION TO SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A
17 LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY OF
18 NOT MORE THAN \$5,000.

19 (B) A PENALTY COLLECTED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL
20 BE PAID INTO THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUND AS PROVIDED BY § 13-205 OF THIS
21 SUBTITLE.

22 (C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO 23 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 25 October 1, 1999.