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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Physicians - Unauthorized Practice of Medicine - Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of making it a felony for certain persons to engage in, attempt to
4 engage in, or offer to engage in the unauthorized practice of medicine; providing
5 for certain penalties; and generally relating to the unauthorized practice of
6 medicine.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Health Occupations
9 Section 14-601
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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13 Article - Health Occupations
14 Section 14-606
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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

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Article - Health Occupations

2 14-601.

3 Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to
4 practice, or offer to practice medicine in this State unless licensed by the Board.

5 14-606.

6 (a) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
7 A person who violates any provision of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
8 conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 5
9 years or both.

10 (2) A person who violates any provision of § 14-503 of this title is guilty
11 of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.

12 (3) [Any] A person who is required to give notice under § 14-505
13 ("Reporting burn treatment") of this title, and who fails to give the required notice, is
14 liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$100.

15 (4) [Any] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS
16 SUBSECTION, A person who violates § 14-601 of this subtitle is:

17 (I) GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A
18 FINE NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$5,000~~ \$10,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5 YEARS OR
19 BOTH; AND

20 (II) [subject] SUBJECT to a civil fine of not more than \$50,000 to be
21 levied by the Board.

22 (5) THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT
23 APPLY TO A LICENSEE WHO HAS FAILED TO RENEW A LICENSE UNDER § 14-316 OF
24 THIS TITLE AND LESS THAN ~~30~~ 90 DAYS HAVE ELAPSED.

25 (b) The Board shall pay any penalty collected under this section into the
26 Board of Physicians Fund.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2006.