

# HOUSE BILL 1290

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By: **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Animal Health – Administrative Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of the altering and extending the authority of the Secretary of  
4 Agriculture to impose an administrative penalty on any person who violates  
5 animal health requirements relating to livestock and poultry regulated by the  
6 Secretary; and generally relating to administrative penalties for violations of  
7 animal health requirements.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Agriculture  
10 Section 3–116  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Agriculture**

16 3–116.

17 (a) In lieu of or in addition to any penalty provided by this [subtitle] **TITLE**,  
18 the Secretary may impose an administrative penalty on any person who violates any  
19 provision of this subtitle.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (b)    The penalty imposed under this section may not exceed \$10,000.

2           (c)    All penalties collected under this section shall be distributed to the  
3 Animal Health Fund established under § 3-117 of this subtitle.

4           (d)    The Secretary shall adopt regulations necessary to implement the  
5 provisions of this section.

6           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2007.