

HOUSE BILL 227

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

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2008

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture – Animal Health – Administrative Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of altering and extending the authority of the Secretary of
4 Agriculture to impose certain penalties on any person who violates animal
5 health requirements; and generally relating to administrative penalties
6 imposed by the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Agriculture
9 Section 3–116
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2007 Replacement Volume)

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 3–116.

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2008.