

CHAPTER 57

(House Bill 227)

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Animal Health – Administrative Penalties

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

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

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

Article – Agriculture

3–116.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2008.