

HOUSE BILL 861

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By: **Delegate Smigiel**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2009

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 18, 2009

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Practice of Veterinary Medicine - Operating Without a License - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor to perform a surgical operation on an
4 animal in the State in violation of certain provisions of law; ~~making a person~~
5 ~~subject to~~ establishing certain penalties on conviction for ~~this misdemeanor~~
6 certain violations; stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding the
7 penalties for violation of Title 2, Subtitle 3 of the Agriculture Article; and
8 generally relating to penalties for the illegal practice of veterinary medicine in
9 the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Agriculture

12 Section 2-315.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Agriculture**

18 **2-315.1.**

19 **A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE BY**
20 **PERFORMING A SURGICAL OPERATION ON AN ANIMAL IN THE STATE WITHOUT A**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 LICENSE, A REGISTRATION, OR AN AUTHORIZATION TO ENGAGE IN THE
2 PRACTICE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO
3 ~~IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 60 DAYS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR~~
4 ~~BOTH;~~

5 (1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000 OR
6 IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR, OR BOTH; OR

7 (2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT
8 EXCEEDING \$6,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 2 YEARS, OR BOTH.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
10 General Assembly that, except as provided by this Act, the criminal penalties under
11 Title 12 of the Agriculture Article apply to any person who violates Title 2, Subtitle 3
12 of the Agriculture Article.

13 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
14 effect October 1, 2009.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.