

# SENATE BILL 81

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

Requested: October 5, 2009

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Read second time: February 9, 2010

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners – License Suspensions and**  
3 **Revocations – Maximum Penalties**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~altering the~~ providing that a certain maximum penalty that may  
5 be imposed by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners under certain  
6 circumstances applies only to a first offense; establishing a maximum penalty  
7 for a second or subsequent offense that may be imposed by the Board under  
8 certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of the State  
9 Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to impose penalties on license  
10 suspension or revocation.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Agriculture  
13 Section 2–310.1  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Agriculture**

19 2–310.1.

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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 (a) In lieu of or in addition to suspension of the license, the Board may  
 2 impose a penalty of not more than ~~[\$5,000]~~ **\$10,000 FOR A FIRST OFFENSE.**

3 (b) In addition to revocation of the license, the Board may impose a penalty  
 4 of not more than ~~[\$5,000]~~ **\$10,000 FOR A FIRST OFFENSE.**

5 **(C) IN ADDITION TO SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE,**  
 6 **THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000 FOR A**  
 7 **SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.**

8 ~~(D)~~ **(D)** Penalties collected by the Board under this section shall be paid into the  
 9 General Fund of the State.

10 ~~(E)~~ **(E)** The Board shall establish such rules and regulations as are necessary to  
 11 carry out the provisions of this section.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 13 October 1, 2010.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.