

Chapter 30

(Senate Bill 81)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

Article – Agriculture

2–310.1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.