

SENATE BILL 81

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(PRE-FILED)

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

A BILL ENTITLED

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 maximum penalty that may be imposed by the State
5 Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners under certain circumstances; and
6 generally relating to the authority of the State Board of Veterinary Medical
7 Examiners to impose penalties on license suspension or revocation.

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

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

15 **Article – Agriculture**

16 2–310.1.

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

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

21 (c) Penalties collected by the Board under this section shall be paid into the
22 General Fund of the State.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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