

(2) Any gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of professional engineering or land surveying as a registered professional engineer or land surveyor.

(b) Any person may prefer charges of fraud, deceit, gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct against any registrant. Such charges shall be in writing, and shall be sworn to by the one making them and shall be filed with the secretary of the Board.

All charges, unless dismissed by the Board as unfounded or trivial, shall be heard by the Board within three months after the date on which they shall have been preferred.

The time and place for said hearing shall be fixed by the Board, and a copy of the charges, together with a notice of the time and place of hearing, shall be personally served on or mailed to the last known address of such registrant, at least thirty days before the date fixed for the hearing. At any hearing, the accused registrant shall have the right to appear personally and by counsel, to cross-examine witnesses appearing against him, and to produce evidence and witnesses in his own defense.

If, after such hearing, three or more members of the Board vote in favor of finding the accused guilty, the Board shall revoke the certificate of registration of such registered professional engineer or land surveyor.

(c) Reissuance of Certificates.) The Board, for reasons it may deem sufficient, may re-issue a certificate of registration to any person whose certificate has been revoked, providing three or more members of the Board vote in favor of such reissuance. A new certificate of registration, to replace any certificate revoked, lost, destroyed, or mutilated, may be issued, subject to the rules of the Board, and a charge of Three Dollars (\$3.00) shall be made for such issuance.

(d) (Appeals.) Any person who shall feel aggrieved by any action of the Board in denying or revoking his certificate of registration may appeal therefrom to the Baltimore City Court or to the Circuit Court for any county and, after full hearing, said court shall make such decree sustaining or reversing the action of the Board as to it may seem just and proper.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved March 3, 1947.