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(a) *The Board may reprimand any person or suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the license of any person who as found by the Board:*

(1) *Has practiced any fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in obtaining or renewing a license or informational statement; or*

(2) *Has committed any gross negligence, incompetence, fraud, or misconduct in the practice of architecture; or*

(3) *Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, any charge of a crime involving moral turpitude in any court of competent jurisdiction; or*

(4) *Has knowingly violated any provision of this subtitle; or*

(5) *Has aided or abetted any other person or persons not licensed as required by this subtitle in the performance of activities which constitute the practice of architecture.*

(b) *Any person may prefer charges of fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, gross negligence, incompetence, misconduct, or other act or omission prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, against any licensee. The charges shall be specific and in writing, sworn to by the person or persons making them, and filed with the Board.*

(c) *All charges, unless dismissed by the Board as unfounded or trivial, shall be set down for hearing in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Board within a reasonable time, but not to exceed six months, after they were preferred.*

(d) *The time and place for the 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 the registrant at least thirty (30) days before the date fixed for the hearing. At any hearing, the accused registrant may appear in person or be represented by counsel, or both, to cross-examine witnesses appearing against him, and to produce evidence and witnesses in his own defense. If the accused person fails or refuses to appear the Board may proceed to hear and determine the validity of the charges.*

(e) *If, after the hearing, four members of the entire Board vote in favor of sustaining the charges, the Board may issue a reprimand to or may suspend, refuse to renew or revoke the license of any person.*

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*Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Board denying, suspending, revoking, or refusing to renew a license, or by any other final action of the Board, may appeal therefrom to the Baltimore City Court or to the Circuit Court of the county in which he resides or has his principal place of business. Any such person or the Board may take an appeal from the decision of any such court to the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland. All appeals shall be governed by the provisions of Sections 255 and 256 of Article 41 of this Code as amended from time to time (Administrative Procedure Act—Judicial Review).*