AN ACT concerning

Boards of Chiropractors, Electrology, and Pharmacy - Disciplinary Action

FOR the purpose of allowing the Boards of Chiropractors, Electrology, and Pharmacy to impose a certain penalty in lieu of or in addition to suspension or in addition to revocation of a license; requiring that any penalties collected be paid to the General Fund of the State; and requiring the Boards to adopt rules and regulations to set standards for such penalties.

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations Sections 3-310.1, 5-311.1, 12-311.1, and 12-409.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (As enacted by Chapter (H.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1981)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter (H.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1981) be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

3-310.1.

- (A) IF AFTER A HEARING UNDER § 3-311 OF THIS SUBTITLE THE BOARD FINDS THAT THERE ARE GROUNDS UNDER § 3-310 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000:
  - (1) INSTEAD OF SUSPENDING THE LICENSE; OR
- (2) IN ADDITION TO SUSPENDING OR REVOKING THE LICENSE.
- (B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO SET STANDARDS FOR THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES UNDER THIS SECTION.
- (C) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY PENALTY COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THIS STATE.

5-311.1.

- (A) IF AFTER A HEARING UNDER § 5-312 OF THIS SUBTITLE THE BOARD FINDS THAT THERE ARE GROUNDS UNDER § 5-311 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000:
  - (1) INSTEAD OF SUSPENDING THE LICENSE; OR