(1979 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

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

Article 56 - Licenses

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(a) The Board, after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act, may suspend or revoke any license issued under this subtitle if:

(1) The licensee, knowingly or without the exercise of due care to prevent violation, has violated any provision of § 14-202 of the Commercial Law Article, or has failed to comply with any demand, or requirement, lawfully made by the Board under this subtitle; or

(2) Any material misrepresentation has been made in the application for the license.

(B) IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO REVOKE OR SUSPEND A LICENSE THE BOARD MAY:

(1) HOLD A HEARING AT A TIME AND PLACE IN THIS STATE THAT IS REASONABLY CONVENIENT TO THE PARTIES INVOLVED;

(2) SUBPOENA WITNESSES FOR ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY ONLY, AND NOT FOR INVESTIGATIVE PURPOSES; AND

(3) ADMINISTER OATHS.

(C) (1) IF ANY PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OR SUBPOENA OF THE BOARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR TO APPEAR AS A WITNESS AND TESTIFY CONCERNING ANY MATTER ABOUT WHICH THE PERSON MAY BE INTERROGATED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE BOARD MAY FILE A PETITION FOR ENFORCEMENT WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ANY COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY.

[(b)] (D) If the Board finds that grounds for revocation or suspension are of general application to more than one place of business operated by the licensee, the Board may revoke or suspend all of the licenses issued to the licensee, or only those licenses to which the grounds for revocation or suspension apply. Otherwise, the Board shall suspend or revoke only the particular license with respect to which grounds for revocation or suspension may occur or exist.

[(c)] (E) Any licensee may surrender any license by delivering to the Board written notice that the license is surrendered, but surrender of the license does not affect the licensee's civil or criminal liability for acts committed prior to the surrender of the license.