

574. DENIALS, SUSPENSIONS, AND REVOCATIONS -- GROUNDS.

SUBJECT TO THE HEARING PROVISIONS OF § 576 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE SUPERINTENDENT MAY DENY CERTIFICATION AS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE TO ANY APPLICANT, REPRIMAND ANY INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED AS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE, OR SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE INDIVIDUAL'S CERTIFICATION:

(1) FOR ANY GROUND SPECIFIED UNDER § 561 OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT IS APPLICABLE;

(2) IF THE APPLICANT OR CERTIFIED INDIVIDUAL FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY OBTAINS OR ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION AS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE; OR

(3) IF THE APPLICANT OR CERTIFIED INDIVIDUAL FAILS TO MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS SET BY THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR CERTIFICATION AS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE.

575. SAME -- COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS; INVESTIGATION.

(A) COMMENCEMENT.

SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS UNDER § 574 OF THIS SUBTITLE ON THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OWN COMPLAINT OR ON THE COMPLAINT OF ANY PERSON.

(B) FORM AND FILING OF COMPLAINT.

(1) A COMPLAINT SHALL:

(I) BE IN WRITING AND SIGNED BY THE COMPLAINANT; AND

(II) STATE SPECIFICALLY THE FACTS ON WHICH THE COMPLAINT IS BASED.

(2) IF THE COMPLAINT IS MADE BY ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE SUPERINTENDENT, THE COMPLAINT SHALL:

(I) BE MADE UNDER OATH BY THE PERSON WHO FILES THE COMPLAINT; AND

(II) BE FILED WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT.

(C) INVESTIGATION.

(1) ON RECEIPT OF A COMPLAINT THAT ALLEGES FACTS THAT ARE GROUNDS FOR ACTION UNDER § 574 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL APPOINT AN OFFICER OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE, OF THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT OR ABOVE, AS THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER FOR THE COMPLAINT.