

~~Procedure Act--}--SAME-RULES-OF-LAW, EVIDENCE-AND-PROCEDURE-AS-ARE APPLICABLE-TO-THE-ATTORNEY-GRIEVANCE-COMMISSION-UNDER-SUBTITLE-BV OF-THE-MARYLAND-RULES-OF-PROCEDURE EXCEPT THAT FACTUAL FINDINGS SHALL BE SUPPORTED BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE.~~

(c) The individual may be represented at the hearing by counsel.

(d) If after due notice the individual against whom the action is contemplated fails or refuses to appear, nevertheless the [Commission] HEARING OFFICER may hear and [determine the matter] REFER THE MATTER TO THE BOARD FOR DISPOSITION.

(E) AFTER PERFORMING ANY NECESSARY HEARING UNDER THIS SECTION, THE HEARING OFFICER SHALL REFER PROPOSED FACTUAL FINDINGS TO THE BOARD FOR THE BOARD'S DISPOSITION.

(F) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS AND DISCOVERY IN THE HEARING OF CHARGES.

(G) THE HEARING OF CHARGES MAY NOT BE STAYED OR CHALLENGED BY ANY PROCEDURAL DEFECTS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE FILING OF CHARGES.

14-506.

(a) Following the filing of charges, if a majority of the full authorized membership of the [Commission] BOARD finds that there are grounds for action under § 14-504 of this subtitle, the [Commission] BOARD shall pass an order in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(b) After the charges are filed, if the [Commission] BOARD finds that there are no grounds for action under § 14-504 of this subtitle, the [Commission] BOARD:

(1) Immediately shall dismiss the charges and exonerate the licensee;

(2) Shall expunge all records of the charges; and

(3) May not take any further action on the charges.

14-507.

(a) [The Commission shall file with the Board any order of Commission action under § 14-504 of this subtitle.

(b) An order of suspension or revocation is effective, in accordance with its terms and conditions, as soon as the [Commission] BOARD files it [with the Board] UNDER THIS TITLE.