

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

Article 56 - Licenses

341.

(b) Any person, including an employee of the Board, may [prefer charges of] SUBMIT A COMPLAINT TO THE BOARD ALLEGING fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, gross negligence, incompetence, misconduct, or other act or omission prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, against any registrant. [The charges] COMPLAINTS shall be specific and in writing, shall be sworn to by the person or persons making them, and shall be filed with the secretary of 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 have been preferred.]

(C) ONCE THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT CHARGES SHOULD BE BROUGHT AGAINST A REGISTRANT, A HEARING ON THOSE CHARGES MUST BE SET DOWN WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS AFTER THE BOARD HAS BROUGHT THE CHARGES AGAINST THE REGISTRANT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Business Occupations

15-320.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in Title 10, Subtitle 4 of the State Government Article, before the Board takes any final action under § 15-318 of this subtitle, it shall give the individual against whom the action is contemplated an opportunity for a hearing before the Board.

(2) A hearing shall be [held] SET DOWN within a reasonable time, not exceeding 6 months, after the [complaint is made] BOARD HAS BROUGHT CHARGES AGAINST THE LICENSEE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989, and remain in effect until the taking effect of Section 2.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1989, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter ___ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General