

provisions under SG § 10-215(b), which provide for venue where any party resides or has a principal place of business.

This section is broader in scope than comparable provisions in other titles of this article. The standard language used in those comparable provisions allows an appeal from "a final decision of the Board in a contested case, as defined in § 10-201 of the State Government Article". SG § 10-201 defines "contested case" to mean a proceeding before an agency to make certain determinations "only after an opportunity for an agency hearing." Former Art. 56, § 341(g) allowed appeals from "a final decision of the Board in denying, suspending, revoking, or refusing to renew his certificate of registration, or from any other final action of the Board" and, thus, despite placement of former § 341(g) in the provisions on disciplinary proceedings, seemingly applied to other actions. These actions would include proceedings where there is not an opportunity for a hearing and that, therefore, do not fall within the definition of "contested case". Consequently, the revision retains the broad right of appeal from "any final action of the Board", rather than limiting appeals to contested cases.

Defined terms: "Board" § 15-101
"Person" § 1-101

15-211. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.

THE BOARD EXERCISES ITS POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, § 333(g).

The former reference that narrowly limited the Secretary's authority to the powers and duties of the Board "vested ... by the provisions of this subtitle" is deleted as misleading. Presumably, the powers and duties of the Board wherever codified are to be subject to the authority of the Secretary.

As to the authority of the Secretary, see, in particular, Art. 41, §§ 8-101 through 8-106 of the Code.

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"Secretary" § 1-101