

that a suspension is effective only under certain circumstances and after a certain time period; providing for an opportunity to be given to the licensee applicant for license issuance or renewal to respond to the notice; and providing for the effect of a suspension on a guaranty fund claim; and generally relating to business occupations and professions.

BY adding to

Article - Business Occupations and Professions
Section 1-207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Business Regulation
Section 1-208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1992 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

1-207.

(A) IF PAYMENT OF THE FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE, ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR BY A UNIT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, IS MADE BY A CHECK OR OTHER NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT THAT IS DISHONORED, THE LICENSE FOR WHICH THE FEE WAS PAID SHALL BE SUSPENDED BY OPERATION OF LAW ~~FROM THE DATE THE LICENSE WAS ISSUED OR RENEWED.~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE SUSPENSION IS EFFECTIVE BEGINNING ON THE TENTH BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE DAY ON WHICH NOTICE IS SENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION UNTIL THE DATE THAT PAYMENT OF THE FEE, AND ANY LATE CHARGE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS ARTICLE, HAS BEEN MADE.

(B) (1) WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OR A UNIT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NOTICE THAT A CHECK OR OTHER NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT, GIVEN BY AN APPLICANT IN PAYMENT OF A LICENSE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL FEE, HAS BEEN DISHONORED, IT SHALL INFORM THE APPLICANT BY REGULAR MAIL SENT TO THE APPLICANT'S LAST KNOWN BUSINESS ADDRESS, THAT THE LICENSE ~~HAS BEEN~~ WILL BE SUSPENDED BY OPERATION OF LAW: IF WITHIN 10 BUSINESS DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTICE THE APPLICANT FAILS TO MAKE PAYMENT OF THE FEE, AND ANY LATE CHARGE, OR FAILS TO PRESENT EVIDENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OR UNIT THAT THE NOTICE OF DISHONOR WAS IN ERROR.

(2) AN APPLICANT SHALL BE GIVEN A PROMPT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PAYMENT OF THE FEE, AND ANY LATE CHARGE, OR TO PRESENT EVIDENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OR UNIT THAT THE NOTICE OF DISHONOR WAS IN ERROR.