

(21) FAILS TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE PATIENT RECORDS.

19-311.1.

(A) IF AFTER A HEARING UNDER § 19-312 OF THIS SUBTITLE THE BOARD FINDS THAT THERE ARE GROUNDS UNDER § 19-311 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO REPRIMAND A LICENSEE, PLACE A LICENSEE ON PROBATION, OR SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A FINE ON THE LICENSEE IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000:

(1) INSTEAD OF REPRIMANDING THE LICENSEE, PLACING THE LICENSEE ON PROBATION, OR SUSPENDING OR REVOKING THE SOCIAL WORKER'S LICENSE; OR

(2) IN ADDITION TO REPRIMANDING THE LICENSEE, PLACING THE LICENSEE ON PROBATION, OR SUSPENDING OR REVOKING THE SOCIAL WORKER'S LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO SET STANDARDS FOR THE IMPOSITION OF FINES UNDER THIS SECTION.

(C) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY FINE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND.

19-312.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Administrative Procedure Act, before the Board takes any action under § 19-311 of this subtitle, it shall give the individual against whom the action is contemplated an opportunity for a hearing before the Board.

(b) The Board shall give notice and hold the hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(c) Over the signature of an officer or the administrator of the Board, the Board may issue subpoenas and administer oaths in connection with any investigation under this title and any hearings or proceedings before it.

(d) If, without lawful excuse, a person disobeys a subpoena from the Board or an order by the Board to take an oath or to testify or answer a question, then, on petition of the Board, a court of competent jurisdiction may punish the person as for contempt of court.

(e) If after due notice the individual against whom the action is contemplated fails or refuses to appear, nevertheless the Board may hear and determine the matter.

(f) If, after a hearing, an individual is found in violation of § 19-311 of this subtitle, the individual shall pay the costs of the hearing as specified in a regulation adopted by the Board.