

(b) A person may not use the title "certified real estate appraiser" after or with the name or signature of a firm, partnership, corporation, or group in a way that the title could be interpreted to refer to anyone other than the individual who is certified under this title.

16-705.1.

~~UNLESS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS TITLE TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF PERFORMING HOME INSPECTIONS PROVIDE HOME INSPECTION SERVICES, A PERSON MAY NOT REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC, BY USE OF A TITLE, INCLUDING "LICENSED HOME INSPECTOR", BY DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, METHODS, OR PROCEDURES, OR OTHERWISE, THAT THE PERSON IS AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HOME INSPECTIONS PROVIDE HOME INSPECTION SERVICES IN THE STATE.~~

16-706.

A person who violates any provision of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

16-707.

(A) THE COMMISSION MAY IMPOSE ON A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS TITLE A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION, WHETHER OR NOT THE PERSON IS LICENSED OR HOLDS A CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS TITLE.

(B) IN SETTING THE AMOUNT OF A CIVIL PENALTY, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER:

- (1) THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION;
- (2) THE GOOD FAITH OF THE VIOLATOR;
- (3) ANY PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS;
- (4) THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF THE VIOLATION ON THE COMPLAINANT, THE PUBLIC, AND THE BUSINESS OF HOME INSPECTIONS OR REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS;
- (5) THE ASSETS OF THE VIOLATOR;
- (6) ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.

16-801.

This title may be cited as the "Maryland Real Estate Appraisers AND HOME INSPECTORS Act".

16-802.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, this title and all regulations adopted under this title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, 2003.