

1. the seriousness of the violation;
2. the harm caused by the violation;
3. the good faith of the licensee; and
4. any history of previous violations by the licensee.

(3) The Board shall pay any penalty collected under this subsection into the General Fund of the State.

(b) The Board shall consider the following facts in the granting, denial, renewal, suspension, or revocation of a license or the reprimand of a licensee when an applicant or licensee is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor described in subsection (a)(1)(v) of this section:

- (1) the nature of the crime;
- (2) the relationship of the crime to the activities authorized by the license;
- (3) with respect to a felony, the relevance of the conviction to the fitness and qualification of the applicant or licensee to provide plumbing services;
- (4) the length of time since the conviction; and
- (5) the behavior and activities of the applicant or licensee before and after the conviction.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved May 26, 2004.

CHAPTER 496

(House Bill 145)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Public Accountancy - Grounds for Disciplinary Action

FOR the purpose of providing for additional grounds for a certain disciplinary action that may be taken by the State Board of Public Accountancy against an applicant or licensee under the Maryland public accountancy laws; and generally relating to the State Board of Public Accountancy.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
 Section 2-315
 Annotated Code of Maryland