

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-310

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

2-310.

The Board may prescribe reasonable standards for the practice of veterinary medicine, including conduct and ethics. It may refuse, suspend, or revoke any application or license, and censure or place on probation any licensee after a hearing, if the veterinarian:

- (1) Is adjudicated insane;
- (2) Is convicted of a violation of any federal or State law relating to prescription drugs, a controlled dangerous substance under Article 27, § 279 of the Code, or a controlled substance as defined by 21 U.S.C. § 812;
- (3) Is convicted of a felony, or of a crime involving moral turpitude;
- (4) Is convicted of violating any provision of this subtitle, any unlawful or fraudulent practice, or any fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive representation or advertising concerning his professional qualifications or the quality of materials or drugs used by him in his professional work or in the treatment of animals;
- (5) Has a final judgment entered against him in a civil malpractice case involving gross personal negligence;
- (6) Obtains the license by fraud or misrepresentation, either in the application, or in passing the examination;
- (7) Is guilty of employing or permitting to practice veterinary medicine any person who does not hold a license to practice veterinary medicine in the State;
- (8) Fails to comply with Board rules or regulations after receiving a license;
- (9) Is grossly negligent or deliberately cruel to an animal; [or]
- (10) After a hearing, is determined by four members to be incompetent as a veterinary practitioner; OR
- (11) IS DISCIPLINED BY A LICENSING AUTHORITY OF ANOTHER STATE, INCLUDING THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE, FOR AN ACT THAT WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION.