

Chapter 56

(Senate Bill 380)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners – Cease and Desist Orders and Fines

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to issue cease and desist orders or obtain injunctive relief for a violation of certain provisions of law; requiring the Board, ~~to assess certain fines in accordance with certain regulations, to levy and pay certain fines into the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Fund;~~ to assess certain fines in accordance with certain regulations; and generally relating to the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners and cease and desist orders and fines for practicing without a license.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 16–101(a) and (b) and 16–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 16–319.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 16–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

16–101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Board” means the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.

16-319.1.

THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER OR OBTAIN INJUNCTIVE RELIEF FOR A VIOLATION OF § 16-501 OF THIS TITLE.

16-501.

Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice podiatry in this State unless licensed by the Board.

16-505.

(a) Any person who practices, attempts to practice, or offers to practice podiatry in this State without complying with the provisions of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days.

(b) Any person who violates § 16-501 of this subtitle is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$50,000 to be, ~~IN~~ **ASSESSED BY THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD:**

~~(1) Levied~~ **LEVIED by the Board; AND**

~~(2) PAID INTO THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS FUND.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2014.