STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
LIZA NUSINOVICH, DVM	*	DOCKET NO. 16-23A
LICENSE NO. 7477	*	

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CIVIL PENALTY FINAL ORDER

This Civil Penalty Order (Order), dated this 19 day of November, 2015, is issued by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) against Liza Nusinovich, DVM (Dr. Nusinovich), License No. 7477. This Order confirms the intention of Dr. Nusinovich to waive the right to contest the charge filed by the Board on October 16, 2015 in Docket No. 16-23A, alleging that Dr. Nusinovich violated Agriculture Article Section 2-313(1), Md. Code Ann. and a certain related Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR). Specifically, in Docket No. 16-23A, the Board alleged that Dr. Nusinovich violated COMAR 15.14.01.11 Annual Registration, from September 1 through 10, 2015, by practicing veterinary medicine at a veterinary hospital, specifically, at Germantown Veterinary Clinic, LLC, 19911 Father Hurley Boulevard, in Germantown, Maryland 20874, without a current registration from the Board for fiscal year (FY) 2016. By letter received November 17, 2015, Dr. Nusinovich wrote to the Board and voluntarily waived the right to a hearing and appeal on the charge in Docket No. 16-23A and submitted a check for $300 to pay the civil penalty in this matter.

Under State law, the Board is the licensing authority responsible for regulating the practice of veterinary medicine in this State, which includes filing disciplinary actions against veterinarians charged with violating provisions of the Veterinary Practice Act, Agriculture Article Sections 2-301 through 2-316, Annotated Code of Maryland and related COMAR regulations. As part of its authority, the Board "may refuse, suspend, or revoke any application or license, and censure or place on probation any licensee . . . if the veterinarian or veterinary practitioner . . . [f]ails to comply with Board rules and regulations after receiving a license[.]" Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., Section 2-310(8). In addition, the Board may impose a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 for a first offense, or $10,000 for a second or subsequent offense in lieu of or in addition to suspending, or revoking a veterinarian's license,

respectively. Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art. Section 2-310.1. In setting the amount of a civil penalty, the Board shall consider the severity of the violation, the good faith of the violator, and the history of prior violations as well as the Board's regulatory civil penalty standards. Md. Code Ann., State Gov't Art. Section 10-1001(b); COMAR 15.14.11 Civil Penalty Standards for Veterinarians.

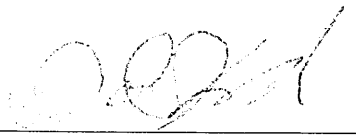
FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Liza Nusinovich, DVM, License No. 7477, has agreed to submit payment of the $300 civil penalty assessed by the Board in Docket No. 16-23A, and waived her right to a hearing or appeal of the charge. After having the opportunity to seek advice of legal counsel, Dr. Nusinovich acknowledges that the Board has sufficient evidence to find, as fact, and conclude as a matter of law that she did violate Agriculture Article Section 2-313(1), Md. Code Ann., and a related regulation; specifically, COMAR 15.14.01.11 Annual Registration, by practicing veterinary medicine at a veterinary hospital, Germantown Veterinary Clinic, LLC, 19911 Father Hurley Boulevard, in Germantown, Maryland 20874, from September 1 through 10, 2015 without a current registration from the Board for FY 2016. Dr. Nusinovich renewed her registration with the Board on September 10, 2015.

Taking all the facts and circumstances into consideration, including the nature of the violation, the veterinarian's lack of a disciplinary history with the Board, and the veterinarian's good faith effort to resolve this matter promptly, the Board concluded that the most reasonable and appropriate resolution in this matter was a civil penalty only.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 19 day of November, 2015, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that for the violation of Agriculture Article Section 2-313(1), Md. Code Ann., of the Veterinary Practice Act, and COMAR 15.14.01.11 Annual Registration, Dr. Nusinovich is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $300. The Board acknowledges that payment of $300 was received from Dr. Nusinovich on November 17, 2015.



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