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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
CRAIG A. STOROZUK, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 14-25
LICENSE NO. 6732	*	

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CIVIL PENALTY FINAL ORDER

This Civil Penalty Order (Order), dated this 2nd day of January, 2014, is issued by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) against Craig A. Storozuk, D.V.M. (Dr. Storozuk), License No. 6732. This Order confirms the intention of Dr. Storozuk to waive the right to contest the charge filed by the Board on November 14, 2013 in Docket No. 14-25, alleging that Dr. Storozuk violated the Veterinary Practice Act and a certain related Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR); specifically, the Board alleged that Dr. Storozuk violated COMAR 15.14.01.15 Complying with Certain Requests of the Board, by failing without good cause to respond to the September 3, 2013 written request of the Board to submit documentation of continuing education (CE) for fiscal year (FY) 2014 by a certain date. On or about December 5, 2013, Dr. Storozuk paid the $500 civil penalty imposed in this matter and waived the right to a hearing and appeal on the charge and sanctions in Docket No. 14-25. Dr. Storozuk has no prior disciplinary history with the Board.

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

Craig A. Storozuk, D.V.M., License No. 6732, has submitted payment of the $500 civil penalty assessed by the Board in Docket No. 14-25, and waived his right to a hearing or appeal of the charge. After having the opportunity to seek advice of legal counsel, Dr. Storozuk acknowledges that the Board has sufficient evidence to find, as fact, and conclude as a matter of law that he did violate COMAR 15.14.01.15 Complying with Certain Requests of the Board, by failing without good cause to respond to the September 3, 2013 written request of the Board to submit documentation of continuing education (CE) for fiscal year (FY) 2014 within 15 days of receipt of the Board's letter. Dr. Storozuk received the Board's letter on September 9, 2013 and failed to respond by September 24, 2013. Dr. Storozuk subsequently submitted the requested CE documentation on December 2, 2013 and has no prior disciplinary history with the Board.

Taking all the facts and circumstances into consideration, including the nature of the violation, the veterinarian's lack of 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 2nd day of January, 2014, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that for the violation of COMAR 15.14.01.15 Complying with Certain Requests of the Board, Dr. Storozuk is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $500. The Board acknowledges payment in full of the $500 civil penalty on or about December 5, 2013 in Docket No. 14-25.

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