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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF	*	
THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL	*	
EXAMINERS AGAINST	*	
CINDY L. BURNSTEEL, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 98-012
LICENSE NO. 4017	*	

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DECISION AND ORDER

The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) charged that Cindy L. Burnsteel, D.V.M., License No. 4017, violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine in Maryland. The Board's principle charge against Dr. Burnsteel is that she violated COMAR 15.14.01.11. This regulation, in its most pertinent part, provides: "A licensee who practices medicine in this State shall: (1) Register annually with the Board; and (2) Pay the Board ... [the required] registration fee...." More specifically, the Board charged that:

> You [Dr. Burnsteel] practiced veterinary medicine in Maryland during a period in which you were not registered, a violation of COMAR 15.14.01.11.

On March 21, 1998, Dr. Burnsteel received the "Notice of Agency Action" detailing this charge by certified mail. In that notice, the Board informed Dr. Burnsteel that she could request a hearing on the charge or alternatively, accept the proposed sanction that it noted, to wit: A civil penalty in the amount of three hundred dollars ($300.00). On April 9, 1998, the Board received Dr. Burnsteel's response to its notice and a check payable to the Board in the amount of three hundred dollars ($300.00).

The Board finds that Dr. Burnsteel has chosen not to contest the factual allegations against her and that the facts would constitute a violation of COMAR 15.14.01.11.

Based on the foregoing determination, it is this 23rd of April, 1998, by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners:

ORDERED that Dr. Burnsteel pay a **CIVIL PENALTY** in the amount of three hundred dollars ($300.00) (the Board acknowledges Dr. Burnsteel's payment of this civil penalty).

Donald M. Carman, D.V.M.
President
State Board of Veterinary
Medical Examiners

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