

(viii) violating a provision of this article or any other applicable consumer protection law of the State;

(ix) conviction of a felony by the licensee or principal of the licensee or any crime involving fraud, theft, or deceit; and

(x) suspension or revocation of a license by any State or federal authority.

(l) (1) An electricity supplier or person selling or offering to sell electricity in the State in violation of this section, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, is subject to:

(i) a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for the violation; or

(ii) license revocation or suspension.

(2) Each day a violation continues is a separate violation.

(3) The Commission shall determine the amount of any civil penalty after considering:

(i) the number of previous violations of any provision of this article;

(ii) the gravity of the current violation; and

(iii) the good faith of the electricity supplier or person charged in attempting to achieve compliance after notification of the violation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 18, 2001.

CHAPTER 663

(House Bill 456)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Deaton ~~Specialty~~ Specialty Hospital and Home

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$130,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Deaton ~~Specialty~~ Specialty Hospital and Home for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.