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Boards With Fining Authority

As recommended in the Board of Nursing Sunset Report, the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies feels that fining authority is an effective consumer protection tool and an appropriate means of ensuring regulatory compliance among members of various professions and industries across the state.

Fines are issued for a variety of reasons; most often, statutes require that fines are levied for violations of the article, including violations of statutory requirements and violations of conditions imposed by boards pursuant to the statute. So, fines are imposed if a professional fails to perform anything required by statute or lawfully imposed by the board.

Professionals may be fined for working without being duly registered/licensed; performing work beyond the scope of licensure level; recordkeeping or security violations; or failure to comply with board disciplinary actions or other conditions of practice. However, fines are not issued for being late when renewing a license. There is a \$15 late fee for practicing nurses who fail to renew by their deadline. Concurrently, the Board has a written policy stating that it will not consider taking any disciplinary action unless the nurse has practiced more than 6 months on an expired license. If the Nursing Board is given fining authority, pursuant to this policy, the Board would not consider levying a fine unless the nurse has practiced more than 6 months on an expired license.

The following professional boards have fining authority...

Medical	Passenger Tramway
Accountancy	Pharmacy
Architects	Physical Therapy
Barber/Cosmetology	Plumbers
Electrical	Midwives
Engineers/LS	Audiologists/HAP
Boxing	Veterinary Medicine
Outfitters	