

## APPENDIX B: Laws and Regulations

The following laws and regulations apply to the National Practitioner Data Bank. The full text can be accessed by clicking the web site link next to each.

*Title IV of Public Law 99-660*, complete text of the *Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986*, as amended. <http://www.npdb-hipdb.com/info/legislation/title4.html>

*Title IV Regulations*, complete text of the 45 CFR Part 60, October 17, 1989. <http://www.npdb-hipdb.com/info/legislation/45cfr60.html>

*Civil Money Penalties*, 42 CFR Part 1003. <http://www.npdb-hipdb.com/info/legislation/42cfr.html>

*Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)*. The provisions of FOIA, 5 USC §552, affect the dissemination of information contained in the NPDB. <http://www.npdb-hipdb.com/info/legislation/foia.html>

*Privacy Act of 1974; Alteration of System of Records* - The *Privacy Act* affects the dissemination of information contained in the NPDB. Please reference the *Privacy Act*, 5 USC §552a. <http://www.npdb-hipdb.com/info/legislation/privacy.html>

Final rule in the *Federal Register* on March 1, 1999, that removes the prohibition against the NPDB charging for self-queries, and therefore, allows the NPDB to assess costs in an equitable manner. <http://www.npdb-hipdb.com/pubs/fedreg3-1-99.pdf>

Notice in the *Federal Register* on March 1, 1999, announcing a \$10 fee for health care practitioners who request information about themselves (self-query) from the NPDB, effective March 31, 1999. <http://www.npdb-hipdb.com/pubs/fedreg3-1-99.pdf>