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CHAPTER 144

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Cecil County - Board of Electrical Examiners - Appointment and Licensing**  
3                                   **Fees and Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that certain appointees of the Cecil  
5 County Board of Electrical Examiners be recommended to the Board of County  
6 Commissioners of Cecil County by the Cecil County Electrical Contractors  
7 Association; repealing the requirement that one appointee to the Board of  
8 Electrical Examiners be a certain electrical inspector; requiring that a certain  
9 appointee be either a current or former fire chief of a certain volunteer fire  
10 company, an employee of a certain utility company, or a certain current or  
11 former deputy State fire marshal; increasing certain licensing fees by a certain  
12 amount; requiring the issuance of certain subsequent licenses to be subject to  
13 the payment of a certain fee and evidence of completion of continuing education  
14 as required and approved by the Board; and generally relating to the  
15 appointment and licensing authority of the Cecil County Board of Electrical  
16 Examiners.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 The Public Local Laws of Cecil County  
19 Section 99-1, 99-14 C., and 99-16  
20 Article 8 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
21 (1989 Edition and October 2000 Supplement, as amended)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article 8 - Cecil County**

2 99-1.

3 The Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County shall, on or before July 1,  
4 1978, appoint a board which shall be known as the Board of Electrical Examiners,  
5 consisting of five (5) persons for the purpose of examining into the qualifications and  
6 capabilities of all persons who are engaged in, or desire to engage in, the business of  
7 master electrician, as defined in this chapter. The Board so appointed shall consist of  
8 three (3) competent practical electricians who have been duly licensed in Cecil County  
9 as master electricians for at least three (3) consecutive years prior to appointment  
10 [and shall be selected from a list of six (6) names recommended to the Board of  
11 County Commissioners by the Cecil County Electrical Contractors Association], one  
12 (1) building contractor who shall be selected from a list of three (3) names  
13 recommended to the Board of County Commissioners by the Cecil County Building  
14 Contractors Association and one (1) ~~electrical inspector who shall be conducting~~  
15 ~~electrical inspections in Cecil County as a representative of a recognized electrical~~  
16 ~~inspection authority~~ PERSON WHO SHALL BE A CURRENT OR FORMER FIRE CHIEF OF  
17 ANY RECOGNIZED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY IN CECIL COUNTY, OR AN EMPLOYEE  
18 OF A MAJOR UTILITY COMPANY FURNISHING ELECTRICITY IN CECIL COUNTY, OR A  
19 CURRENT OR FORMER DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL. All appointed members shall  
20 be residents for at least three (3) years and registered voters of Cecil County at the  
21 time of their appointments and for the duration of their terms. If a vacancy occurs for  
22 any cause during the term of a board member as herein provided for, the Board of  
23 County Commissioners shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy. If the vacancy  
24 occurs among the practical electricians or if the building contractor position becomes  
25 vacant, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint someone from a list of two  
26 (2) names recommended by the electrical contractors association or the building  
27 contractors association, as applicable. The Board of County Commissioners shall have  
28 full power to remove any member of the Board for incompetency or improper conduct  
29 by satisfactory evidence being presented to it or them of such condition. One of the  
30 members appointed shall serve a term of one (1) year, two (2) of the members  
31 appointed shall serve terms of two (2) years, and two (2) of the members appointed  
32 shall serve terms of three (3) years. All appointments for successors to the members  
33 appointed shall be for terms of three (3) years.

34 99-14.

35 C. Each resident applicant shall pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Electrical  
36 Examiners the sum of [thirty-five dollars (\$35.)] FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.), and each  
37 nonresident applicant shall pay a fee equal to the fee charged in their county, but not  
38 less than [thirty-five dollars (\$35.)] FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.). Each out-of-state  
39 applicant shall pay a fee equal to the fee charged in their state, but not less than  
40 seventy-five dollars (\$75.) for such license, and provided, further, that every person  
41 before receiving a license shall furnish to the Board proof that the person carries  
42 general liability and property damage insurance in the amounts required by Article  
43 56, § 535(D), of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

1 99-16.

2 A. Each [and every] license issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be  
3 evidence in any court of Cecil County of the business for which the license IS issued  
4 for a period not to exceed one (1) year from the date hereof. All licenses [and renewals  
5 of same] shall expire on the first day of May in each year.

6 B. ISSUANCE OF ANY SUBSEQUENT LICENSE AFTER THE INITIAL LICENSE  
7 ISSUED UNDER THIS CHAPTER IS SUBJECT TO PAYMENT OF THE APPLICATION FEE  
8 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 99-14 OF THIS CHAPTER AND EVIDENCE OF SATISFACTORY  
9 COMPLETION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AS REQUIRED AND APPROVED BY THE  
10 BOARD.

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