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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Board of Electricians – Licensing and Regulation of Electricians – Phase Out**
3 **of Apprentice, Journeyperson, and Master Level Local Licenses**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the purpose, composition, powers, and duties of the State
5 Board of Master Electricians; changing the name of the State Board of Master
6 Electricians to the Board of Electricians; authorizing the Board to issue an
7 apprentice license and a journeyperson license under certain circumstances;
8 authorizing the Board to adopt a State electrical code; repealing certain powers
9 of the Board in connection with a proceeding; repealing certain subpoena and
10 injunction powers of the Board; requiring a county to enforce the State electrical
11 code or a certain local electrical code; requiring the Board to enforce the State
12 electrical code in a county under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to
13 set certain fees by regulation beginning on a certain date; requiring the fees to
14 approximate the cost of maintaining the Board and be based on certain
15 calculations performed by the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;
16 requiring the Board to publish a certain fee schedule; requiring the Board to
17 pay certain fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute
18 certain fees to a certain fund; requiring an individual to be licensed by the
19 Board before providing or assisting in providing electrical services in the State
20 under certain circumstances; establishing a certain licensing exception for a
21 person that provides limited energy services or that is licensed or registered to
22 provide security systems services; establishing certain licensing exceptions for a
23 person who holds a certain license and who is acting within the scope of that
24 license; phasing out certain local electricians licenses over a certain period of
25 time; providing that a certain local license is no longer valid on or after a certain

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 date; authorizing a local jurisdiction to continue to issue certain local licenses on
 2 or after a certain date under certain circumstances; requiring a local
 3 jurisdiction to issue a certain permit under certain circumstances; authorizing a
 4 local jurisdiction to issue a certain permit under certain circumstances; altering
 5 certain licensing requirements; establishing a continuing education
 6 requirement as a condition of journeyman license renewal; prohibiting a local
 7 jurisdiction from issuing a certain reciprocal license based on a license issued by
 8 another local jurisdiction; establishing a staggered renewal period for licenses;
 9 altering the circumstances under which the Board may deny a license to an
 10 applicant, reprimand a licensee, or suspend or revoke a license; requiring an
 11 advertisement for electrical services to contain certain information; requiring a
 12 master electrician to display certain information in a certain manner;
 13 prohibiting a person from taking certain actions without a license; establishing
 14 certain penalties for certain violations; establishing the Board of Electricians
 15 Fund; requiring any unspent portion of the Fund in excess of a certain amount
 16 to revert to the General Fund at the end of ~~each~~ every other fiscal year;
 17 crediting certain earnings to the General Fund; requiring the Secretary to make
 18 a certain calculation for certain purposes; establishing that certain fees in effect
 19 on a certain date remain in effect until certain other fees are adopted and made
 20 effective; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to work
 21 with representatives of the limited energy services industry to study issues
 22 relating to a State license for the provision of limited energy services; providing
 23 for the application of this Act; altering, adding, and repealing certain defined
 24 terms; making stylistic and conforming changes; providing for the termination
 25 of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the delayed effective date of
 26 certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the Board of Electricians
 27 and the licensing and regulation of electricians.

28 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 29 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
 30 Section 6–101 through 6–103; 6–201 through 6–205 and 6–208 under the
 31 amended subtitle “Subtitle 2. Board of Electricians”; and 6–301 through
 32 6–503, 6–505, 6–601, 6–602, 6–604, 6–606, and 6–701
 33 Annotated Code of Maryland
 34 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

35 BY repealing
 36 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
 37 Section 6–206, 6–207, 6–603, and 6–605
 38 Annotated Code of Maryland
 39 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

40 BY adding to
 41 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
 42 Section 6–206, 6–207, and 6–605 through 6–610
 43 Annotated Code of Maryland
 44 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
2 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
3 Section 6–504, 6–506, and 6–702
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Public Safety
8 Section 12–603
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Business Regulation
13 Section 2–106.9 and 2–106.10
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

16 BY repealing
17 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
18 Section 6–320 through 6–602
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)
21 (As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
24 Section 6–101
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)
27 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

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

30 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

31 6–101.

32 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

33 (b) **“APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED BY**
34 **THE BOARD TO ASSIST A MASTER ELECTRICIAN IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL**
35 **SERVICES WHILE:**

1 **(1) UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE MASTER**
2 **ELECTRICIAN; AND**

3 **(2) IN TRAINING TO BECOME A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN.**

4 **[(b)] (C)** (1) “Assignment of local license” means any procedure by which
5 a licensee grants to another person a right to use a local license to enable that person
6 to engage in the business of providing electrical services.

7 (2) “Assignment of local license” includes any procedure by which:

8 (i) a licensee agrees to be the representative of another person;
9 and

10 (ii) by virtue of that agreement, the other person is authorized
11 to engage in the business of providing electrical services.

12 **(D) “BOARD” MEANS THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS.**

13 **(E) “CONTINUING EDUCATION” MEANS ANY COURSE OR TRAINING IN**
14 **PRACTICAL TECHNIQUES, INSTALLATION PROCEDURES, OR MATERIALS BASED**
15 **ON THE LATEST EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND ANY**
16 **ADOPTED LOCAL AMENDMENTS ADMINISTERED BY:**

17 **(1) A COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL;**

18 **(2) A STATE OR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TRAINING PROGRAM;**
19 **OR**

20 **(3) AN ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.**

21 **[(c)] (F)** “Engage in the business of providing electrical services” means to
22 engage in providing electrical services for compensation.

23 **(G) “JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS:**

24 **(1) LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES**
25 **WHILE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF A MASTER ELECTRICIAN; OR**

26 **(2) LICENSED AS A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN ON OR**
27 **BEFORE MARCH 31, 2019, BY:**

28 **(I) CALVERT COUNTY;**

29 **(II) CHARLES COUNTY;**

- 1 (III) HARFORD COUNTY;
- 2 (IV) MONTGOMERY COUNTY; OR
- 3 (V) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

4 [(d)] (H) (1) "License" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a
 5 license issued by the [State] Board or a local jurisdiction to provide OR ASSIST IN
 6 PROVIDING electrical services.

7 (2) "LICENSE" INCLUDES, UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES
 8 OTHERWISE:

- 9 (I) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE;
- 10 (II) A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE; AND
- 11 (III) AN APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE.

12 [(e)] (I) "Licensed master electrician" means, unless the context requires
 13 otherwise, a master electrician who is licensed by the [State] Board or a local
 14 jurisdiction to provide electrical services.

15 (J) "LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEM" INCLUDES CABLING AND EQUIPMENT
 16 FOR VOICE, VIDEO, AUDIO, AND DATA SIGNALS, CLASS TWO OR CLASS THREE
 17 CIRCUITS AS DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, REMOTE
 18 CONTROL, SIGNALING, OR POWER-LIMITED CIRCUITS, FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS,
 19 OPTICAL FIBER CABLES, COMMUNICATION CIRCUITS, RACEWAYS, COMMUNITY
 20 ANTENNA TELEVISION AND RADIO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS,
 21 NETWORK-POWERED BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS,
 22 PREMISES-POWERED BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, ALARM
 23 SYSTEMS, ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS, VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS, HOME
 24 AUTOMATION AND CONTROL, AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEMS, COMPUTER AND
 25 COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, HEATING FURNACES AND ELECTRICALLY
 26 OPERATED AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT THAT
 27 REQUIRES NOT MORE THAN 225 VOLTS OR 25 AMPERES OF ELECTRICAL
 28 CURRENT, DIGITAL OR ELECTRICAL SIGNAGE, RADIOS, TELEVISIONS,
 29 TELEVISION AND RADIO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, MOTOR REPAIRS, AND MOTOR
 30 SERVICES.

31 [(f)] ~~(J)~~ (K) "Local board" means a board that a local jurisdiction of the State
 32 creates to regulate any aspect of the electrical trade.

1 [(g)] ~~(K)~~ (L) “Local license” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a
 2 license that is issued by a local board to provide electrical services [as a master
 3 electrician].

4 [(h)] ~~(H)~~ (M) “Master electrician” means an individual who [has the experience,
 5 knowledge, and skill to provide electrical services in all aspects of the electrical trade,
 6 in a manner that complies with applicable plans, specifications, codes, or law] **IS**
 7 **LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES.**

8 [(i)] ~~(M)~~ (N) (1) “Provide electrical services” means to provide any service in
 9 the electrical trade.

10 (2) “Provide electrical services” includes installing, repairing,
 11 **MAINTAINING, ERECTING,** or altering any electrical **EQUIPMENT,** wiring, fixture,
 12 appliance, apparatus, raceway, [or] conduit, **OR SYSTEM** that:

13 (i) generates, transmits, transforms, or uses electrical energy in
 14 any form for light, heat, power, or communication; and

15 (ii) is located within a plant, substation, or elsewhere.

16 [(j) “State Board” means the State Board of Master Electricians.]

17 **(O) “PROVIDE LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES” MEANS TO DESIGN,**
 18 **INSTALL, ERECT, REPAIR, MAINTAIN, OR ALTER A LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEM.**

19 [(k)] ~~(N)~~ (P) “State license” means a license that is issued by the [State] Board
 20 to a master electrician.

21 6–102.

22 The [policy of the State] **PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE** is to [regulate, throughout
 23 the State, those persons who provide electrical services or engage in the business of
 24 providing] **ESTABLISH A LICENSING PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE**
 25 **OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING** electrical [services,] **SERVICES** to:

26 (1) safeguard the life, health, property, and public welfare of the
 27 citizens of the State;

28 (2) **PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN EFFICIENT AND SAFE ELECTRICAL**
 29 **SYSTEMS;**

30 (3) **PROMOTE HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS; AND**

1 **(4) ENSURE THAT QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS CARRY OUT ITEMS (1),**
 2 **(2), AND (3) OF THIS SECTION.**

3 6–103.

4 (a) This title does not affect the right of any local jurisdiction of the State:

5 (1) ~~to regulate~~ **LOCALLY** the quality and character of work of a
 6 person who engages in the business of providing electrical services by establishing a
 7 system of ~~licenses~~ **REGISTRATIONS**, permits, fees, and inspections designed to:

8 (i) ensure compliance with and implementation of State and
 9 local building laws; or

10 (ii) enforce other local laws protecting public health and safety;

11 (2) to require a person who engages in the business of providing
 12 electrical services to submit any plan or specification for approval before the electrical
 13 services are provided;

14 (3) to establish a local board **TO:**

15 **(I) CARRY OUT ITEMS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION;**

16 **(II) TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE AUTHORITY OF A**
 17 **REGISTRANT OR PERMIT HOLDER TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THAT**
 18 **JURISDICTION; AND**

19 **(III) REPORT ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY TO THE BOARD;**

20 (4) ~~except as provided in §§ 6-504 and 6-602 of this title, to require an~~
 21 ~~examination before issuing a license~~ **TO REQUIRE A LICENSEE TO OBTAIN A LOCAL**
 22 **REGISTRATION OR PERMIT** to provide electrical services within the local jurisdiction;
 23 or

24 (5) to collect, from a person who is ~~licensed with~~ **REGISTERED WITH**
 25 **OR PERMITTED BY** a local board, fees for:

26 ~~(i) an examination for a license to provide electrical services;~~

27 ~~(ii)~~ **(I) issuance and renewal of the license** **REGISTRATION OR**
 28 **PERMIT**; or

1 ~~(iii) (II) an inspection] TO ISSUE OR REQUIRE THAT A~~
 2 ~~LICENSEE OBTAIN A REGISTRATION OR PERMIT BEFORE PROVIDING~~
 3 ~~ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THAT JURISDICTION; OR~~

4 ~~(2) TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE AUTHORITY OF A REGISTRANT~~
 5 ~~OR PERMIT HOLDER TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THAT~~
 6 ~~JURISDICTION.~~

7 (b) (1) [If] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF a
 8 local jurisdiction licenses ~~any class of electricians~~ APPRENTICE OR
 9 JOURNEYPERSON LEVEL ELECTRICIANS [other than master electricians] ON OR
 10 BEFORE MARCH 31, 2019, that class is also under the control and supervision of the
 11 local board.

12 (2) (I) ~~ON~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF
 13 THIS PARAGRAPH, ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2019, ANY APPRENTICE,
 14 JOURNEYPERSON, OR MASTER LEVEL ELECTRICIAN LICENSE ISSUED BY A
 15 LOCAL JURISDICTION OF THE STATE TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING
 16 ELECTRICAL SERVICES IS NO LONGER VALID, REGARDLESS OF THE EXPIRATION
 17 DATE OF THE LICENSE.

18 (II) IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION ISSUES A CLASSIFICATION OF
 19 LICENSE THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT ISSUE, THE LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY
 20 CONTINUE TO ISSUE A LOCAL LICENSE FOR THAT CLASSIFICATION ON OR AFTER
 21 OCTOBER 1, 2019.

22 (C) IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION REQUIRES A PERSON TO OBTAIN A
 23 PERMIT BEFORE PROVIDING LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES, THE LOCAL
 24 JURISDICTION:

25 (1) SHALL ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A PERSON THAT:

26 (I) WAS LICENSED BY THE LOCAL JURISDICTION TO
 27 PROVIDE LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; OR

28 (II) IS LICENSED OR REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 18 OF THIS
 29 ARTICLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY SYSTEMS SERVICES; AND

30 (2) MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO ANY OTHER PERSON THE LOCAL
 31 JURISDICTION DETERMINES IS QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE LIMITED ENERGY
 32 SERVICES.

33 ~~(D)~~ (D) This title may not be construed to waive any requirement of an
 34 ordinance or regulation that sets out the type of work to be performed by a person who

1 engages in the business of providing electrical services as required under State or local
2 building laws.

3 Subtitle 2. [State] Board of [Master] Electricians.

4 6–201.

5 There is a [State] Board of [Master] Electricians in the Department.

6 6–202.

7 (a) (1) The [State] Board consists of 9 members appointed by the
8 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

9 (2) Of the 9 members of the [State] Board:

10 (i) 6 shall be licensed master electricians; [and]

11 (ii) [3] 2 shall be consumer members; AND

12 **(III) 1 SHALL BE AN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR.**

13 (3) Of the 6 master electrician members:

14 (i) 1 shall be from Baltimore City;

15 (ii) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Caroline,
16 Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties;

17 (iii) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Baltimore, Cecil,
18 and Harford counties;

19 (iv) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Anne Arundel,
20 Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s counties;

21 (v) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Montgomery and
22 Prince George’s counties; and

23 (vi) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Allegany, Carroll,
24 Frederick, Garrett, Howard, and Washington counties.

25 (4) [The] **EACH** consumer [members] **MEMBER:**

26 **(I)** shall be from the State at large;

27 **(II) SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC;**

1 **(III) MAY NOT BE A LICENSEE OR OTHERWISE BE SUBJECT TO**
2 **REGULATION BY THE BOARD; AND**

3 **(IV) MAY NOT, WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE APPOINTMENT, HAVE**
4 **HAD A FINANCIAL INTEREST OR RECEIVED COMPENSATION FROM A PERSON**
5 **REGULATED BY THE BOARD.**

6 **(5) THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR MEMBER SHALL:**

7 **(I) BE FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; AND**

8 **(II) HAVE EXPERTISE IN ELECTRICAL CODE COMPLIANCE.**

9 **[(5)] (6)** A member of the [State] Board may not reside in the same
10 county as another member.

11 (b) Each member of the [State] Board shall be a citizen and resident of the
12 State.

13 (c) Each master electrician member of the [State] Board shall:

14 (1) hold an active [State] **AND CURRENT** license **UNDER THIS TITLE;**
15 and

16 (2) be engaged actively in providing electrical services as a master
17 electrician for at least 5 consecutive years immediately before appointment.

18 (d) Each consumer member of the [State] Board:

19 (1) shall be a member of the general public;

20 (2) may not be a licensee or otherwise be subject to regulation by the
21 [State] Board;

22 (3) may not be required to meet the qualifications for the professional
23 members of the [State] Board; and

24 (4) may not, within 1 year before appointment, have had a financial
25 interest in or have received compensation from a person regulated by the [State]
26 Board.

27 (e) While a member of the [State] Board, a consumer member may not:

1 (1) have a financial interest in or receive compensation from a person
2 regulated by the [State] Board; or

3 (2) grade an examination given by or for the [State] Board.

4 (f) Before taking office, each appointee to the [State] Board shall take the
5 oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

6 (g) (1) The term of a member is 3 years and begins on July 1.

7 (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms
8 provided for members of the [State] Board on October 1, 1989.

9 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor
10 is appointed and qualifies.

11 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for
12 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

13 (5) A member may not be reappointed for more than 2 consecutive
14 3-year terms.

15 (h) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

16 6-203.

17 (a) From among its members, the [State] Board annually shall elect a
18 chairman, a vice chairman, and a secretary.

19 (b) (1) The manner of election of officers shall be as the [State] Board
20 determines.

21 (2) The terms of the officers are for 1 year and begin on July 1.

22 6-204.

23 (a) A majority of the authorized membership of the [State] Board is a
24 quorum.

25 (b) (1) The [State] Board shall meet at least once a month, at the times
26 that it determines, in the office of the [State] Board.

27 (2) The [State] Board may hold special meetings as necessary.

28 (c) Subject to the State budget, each member of the [State] Board is entitled
29 to:

1 (1) an annual salary of \$3,600; and

2 (2) reimbursement for reasonable expenses under the Standard State
3 Travel Regulations.

4 (d) The [State] Board may employ a staff in accordance with the State
5 budget.

6 6–205.

7 In addition to any powers and duties set forth elsewhere, the [State] Board
8 shall:

9 (1) [twice a year hold a seminar and invite members from each local
10 licensing jurisdiction to discuss any industry or licensing problems; and

11 (2)] adopt regulations to [establish:

12 (i) application and examination fees;

13 (ii) continuing education requirements; and

14 (iii) application deadlines] **CARRY OUT THIS TITLE;**

15 **(2) ADOPT AND ENFORCE A CODE THAT SETS MINIMUM**
16 **STANDARDS FOR PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES;**

17 **(3) ISSUE LICENSES;**

18 **(4) KEEP RECORDS OF ITS PROCEEDINGS; AND**

19 **(5) ADOPT AN OFFICIAL SEAL TO AUTHENTICATE ITS**
20 **PROCEEDINGS, OFFICIAL RECORDS, AND LICENSES.**

21 [6–206.

22 (a) In connection with a proceeding, the State Board or a hearing officer
23 whom the State Board designates:

24 (1) may hold hearings;

25 (2) may administer oaths; and

26 (3) by deposition in the same manner as provided in civil cases in the
27 State or otherwise, may take testimony.

1 (b) (1) The State Board or its designee may issue a subpoena.

2 (2) The police department of Baltimore City or the sheriff of a county
3 shall serve a subpoena issued under this subsection.

4 (3) If a person fails to comply with a subpoena issued under this
5 subsection, on petition of the State Board, a circuit court may compel compliance with
6 the subpoena.

7 (c) (1) If the State Board concludes that conduct alleged to be a violation
8 of this title may result in irreparable harm to a person, the State Board may sue to
9 enforce a provision of this title by ex parte, interlocutory, or final injunction.

10 (2) The State Board shall bring suit under this subsection in the
11 circuit court for the county where:

12 (i) the violation allegedly is occurring; or

13 (ii) the principal place of business of the alleged violator is
14 located.

15 (3) In seeking an injunction under this subsection, the State Board is
16 not required to allege or prove that an adequate remedy at law does not exist.]

17 **6-206.**

18 **(A) EACH COUNTY SHALL:**

19 **(1) ENFORCE THE STATE ELECTRICAL CODE; OR**

20 **(2) ADOPT AND ENFORCE A LOCAL ELECTRICAL CODE THAT**
21 **MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM STANDARDS OF THE STATE ELECTRICAL**
22 **CODE FOR THE PROPER DESIGN, ACCEPTABLE INSTALLATION, AND ADEQUATE**
23 **MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.**

24 **(B) UNLESS THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT A COUNTY IS ADEQUATELY**
25 **ENFORCING THE STATE ELECTRICAL CODE OR A LOCAL ELECTRICAL CODE**
26 **THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM STANDARDS OF THE STATE**
27 **ELECTRICAL CODE, THE BOARD SHALL ENFORCE THE STATE ELECTRICAL CODE**
28 **IN A COUNTY.**

29 **[6-207.**

30 The State Board shall pay all money collected under this title into the General
31 Fund of the State.]

1 **6-207.**

2 (A) (1) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014, THE BOARD MAY SET BY
3 REGULATION REASONABLE FEES FOR ITS SERVICES.

4 (2) THE FEES CHARGED SHALL BE:

5 (I) SET SO AS TO PRODUCE FUNDS TO APPROXIMATE THE
6 COST OF MAINTAINING THE BOARD; AND

7 (II) BASED ON THE CALCULATIONS PERFORMED BY THE
8 SECRETARY UNDER § 2-106.10 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.

9 (B) THE BOARD SHALL PUBLISH THE FEE SCHEDULE SET BY THE
10 BOARD.

11 (C) (1) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014, THE BOARD SHALL PAY ALL
12 FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS TITLE TO THE COMPTROLLER.

13 (2) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE FEES TO THE
14 BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-106.9 OF THE
15 BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.

16 **6-208.**

17 The [State] Board exercises its powers, duties, and functions subject to the
18 authority of the Secretary.

19 **6-301.**

20 (A) (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE AND
21 SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD
22 BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL
23 SERVICES IN THE STATE.

24 (2) A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT ISSUES A LOCAL LICENSE
25 AUTHORIZING THE HOLDER TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL
26 SERVICES BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2014, MAY CONTINUE TO ISSUE LOCAL
27 APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPERSON, OR MASTER LEVEL LICENSES IN ACCORDANCE
28 WITH THIS SECTION UNTIL MARCH 31, 2019.

29 [(a)] (B) Each county THAT ISSUES A LOCAL LICENSE shall:

1 (1) adopt regulations that have qualifications comparable to [§ 6–304,
2 **§ 6–304 OF THIS SUBTITLE** to provide for the licensing and regulation of master
3 electricians; or

4 (2) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as a
5 master electrician; and

6 (ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

7 **[(b)] (C)** Each municipal corporation **THAT ISSUES A LOCAL LICENSE**
8 shall:

9 (1) adopt regulations that have qualifications comparable to, or more
10 stringent than, § 6–304 of this subtitle to provide for the licensing and regulation of
11 master electricians;

12 (2) adopt the electrical rules and regulations of the county in which
13 the municipal corporation is located; or

14 (3) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as a
15 master electrician; and

16 (ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

17 **[(c)** Each licensed master electrician shall display the State license number or
18 the county license number of the licensee on each vehicle used on the job for providing
19 electrical services.

20 (d) A county or municipal corporation may not adopt a resolution or enact a
21 law that requires a person licensed under this subtitle who is compliant with
22 subsection (c) of this section to display additional license numbers on each vehicle used
23 on the job for providing electrical services.]

24 6–302.

25 **(A) ~~ON~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 6–103(B)(2)(II) OF THIS TITLE, ON**
26 **OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2019, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN**
27 **PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THE STATE MAY NO LONGER HOLD A**
28 **LOCAL APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPERSON, OR MASTER LEVEL LICENSE ISSUED BY**
29 **A LOCAL JURISDICTION.**

30 **[(a)] (B) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2019:**

31 (1) **[[In] IN** a local jurisdiction that requires a local license, the **[State]**
32 license **ISSUED BY THE BOARD**, while the **[State] license ISSUED BY THE BOARD** is

1 in effect, serves only as a mechanism that helps a licensee in obtaining a local license
2 under §§ 6–601 and 6–602 of this [title.] **TITLE; AND**

3 **[(b)] (2) [If] IF** a county or municipal corporation does not require a local
4 license, the [State] license **ISSUED BY THE BOARD**, while the [State] license **ISSUED**
5 **BY THE BOARD** is in effect, authorizes the licensee to:

6 **[(1)] (I)** provide **OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING** electrical services as a
7 master electrician, **JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN, OR APPRENTICE**
8 **ELECTRICIAN**; or

9 **[(2)] (II)** be the representative of another person who engages in the
10 business of providing electrical services.

11 6–303.

12 **[(a)]** This subtitle does not require an individual to hold a State license while
13 the individual provides electrical services as an employee or subordinate of a master
14 electrician licensed by the State Board if:

15 (1) the individual provides electrical services while under the control
16 and supervision of the licensee; and

17 (2) the licensee is responsible for the electrical services that the
18 individual provides.

19 **[(b)]** This subtitle does not require:

20 (1) a public utility company to employ a **[master electrician]**
21 **LICENSEE** to represent the company while the company is engaging in the business of
22 providing electrical services to a facility of the company that:

23 (i) is regulated by the Public Service Commission; and

24 (ii) is located on any premises, roadway, or right-of-way in
25 which the company has a lawful interest; ~~or~~

26 (2) an employee of a public utility company to hold a State license
27 while the employee provides electrical services to a facility of the company that:

28 (i) is regulated by the Public Service Commission; and

29 (ii) is located on any premises, roadway, or right-of-way in
30 which the company has a lawful interest;

31 **(3) A PERSON TO HOLD A STATE LICENSE IF THE PERSON IS:**

1 **(I) PROVIDING LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES; OR**

2 **(II) LICENSED OR REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 18 OF THIS**
 3 **ARTICLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY SYSTEMS SERVICES; OR**

4 **(4) A PERSON TO HOLD A STATE LICENSE IF THE PERSON:**

5 **(I) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 12 OF THIS**
 6 **ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT LICENSE; OR**

7 **(II) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 9A OF THE**
 8 **BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT**
 9 **LICENSE.**

10 6–304.

11 **(A) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, 1 YEAR OF EXPERIENCE MEANS**
 12 **2,000 OR MORE HOURS OF ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE.**

13 **[(a)] (B)** To qualify for a [State] license, an applicant shall [be an individual
 14 who meets] **MEET** the requirements of this section.

15 **[(b)] (C)** [(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the] **AN**
 16 **applicant FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE:**

17 **(1) (I)** shall have **HELD A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN**
 18 **LICENSE FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE**
 19 **APPLICATION AND, DURING THAT TIME,** been engaged or employed regularly and
 20 principally in providing electrical services [for all types of electrical equipment and
 21 apparatus for at least 7 years] while under the direction and supervision of:

22 ~~(i)~~ **1.** a master electrician; or

23 ~~(ii)~~ **2.** a similarly qualified employee of a governmental unit;
 24 **AND OR**

25 **[(2)** The State Board may allow an applicant up to 3 years of credit
 26 toward the experience required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, if the State
 27 Board determines that the applicant has completed a formal course of study or
 28 professional training in electrical installation comparable to the required experience.]

29 **(II) SHALL HAVE BEEN ENGAGED OR EMPLOYED IN**
 30 **PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR AT LEAST 7 YEARS IMMEDIATELY**

1 PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION WHILE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND
 2 SUPERVISION OF:

3 1. A MASTER ELECTRICIAN; OR

4 2. A SIMILARLY QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE OF A
 5 GOVERNMENTAL UNIT; AND

6 (2) PASS AN EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD.

7 [(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the applicant shall pass an
 8 examination given by the State Board under this subtitle.]

9 (D) AN APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE
 10 SHALL:

11 (1) BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD; AND

12 (2) (I) 1. ~~AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, HAVE HELD FOR~~
 13 ~~AT LEAST 4 YEARS A LICENSE ISSUED:~~

14 ~~A. BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION PRIOR TO MARCH 31,~~
 15 ~~2019; OR~~

16 ~~B. BY ANOTHER STATE;~~

17 ~~2. HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY A MASTER~~
 18 ~~ELECTRICIAN FOR AT LEAST 4 YEARS; AND~~

19 ~~3. 2. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS~~
 20 ~~SUBTITLE, PASS AN EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD; OR~~

21 (II) HOLD A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FROM AN
 22 ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND
 23 APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
 24 LABOR THAT CONSISTS OF 576 HOURS OR MORE OF CLASSROOM TRAINING AND
 25 8,000 HOURS OR MORE OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.

26 (E) THE BOARD MAY ALLOW AN APPLICANT NO MORE THAN 3 YEARS OF
 27 CREDIT TOWARD THE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D)
 28 OF THIS SECTION IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE APPLICANT HAS
 29 COMPLETED A FORMAL COURSE OF STUDY OR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
 30 COMPARABLE TO THE REQUIRED EXPERIENCE.

1 [(d)] (F) The [State] Board may investigate the qualifications of each
2 applicant to determine whether the applicant meets the requirements of this section.

3 6–305.

4 An applicant for a [State] license shall:

5 (1) submit to the [State] Board an application on the form that the
6 [State] Board provides; and

7 (2) pay to the [State] Board [or the State Board’s designee an
8 examination] AN APPLICATION fee set by the Board in an amount not to exceed the
9 cost of the required examination.

10 6–306.

11 (a) Except as otherwise provided in [§ 6–306.1] §§ 6–304(D) AND 6–306.1 of
12 this subtitle, an applicant who otherwise qualifies for a [State] license is entitled to be
13 examined as provided in this section.

14 (b) The [State] Board shall give examinations to qualified applicants at least
15 twice a year, at the dates, times, and places that the [State] Board determines.

16 (c) (1) At least 15 days before the examination, the [State] Board shall
17 notify each applicant whether the applicant is eligible to be examined under this
18 section.

19 (2) The notice shall specify the passing score for [the examination]
20 EXAMINATIONS GIVEN UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

21 (d) (1) The [State] Board shall determine the subjects [and], scope, AND
22 FORM of the examination from a list of questions submitted by the Maryland Uniform
23 Electrical Licensing Examination Committee, Inc.

24 (2) The [State] Board shall choose examination questions that:

25 (i) test the applicant’s knowledge of all applicable codes, laws,
26 or principles of electrical installation; and

27 (ii) are constructed to determine the fitness of the applicant for
28 a State license.

29 (3) The [State] Board may appoint a committee to develop
30 examination questions FOR EXAMINATIONS GIVEN UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

1 (e) The form of [the] EACH examination shall be objective and written.

2 (f) The passing score for [the] EACH examination shall be 70%.

3 **(G) TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION, AN APPLICANT SHALL PAY AN**
4 **EXAMINATION FEE TO THE BOARD OR THE BOARD'S DESIGNEE IN AN AMOUNT**
5 **SET BY THE BOARD NOT TO EXCEED THE COST OF THE REQUIRED**
6 **EXAMINATION.**

7 **[(g)] (H)** Within 45 days after the examination, the [State] Board shall mail
8 to each applicant notice of the applicant's examination score.

9 **[(h)] (I)** On written request to the [State] Board, an applicant who failed
10 an examination may review the answers that the applicant gave and the scores for
11 those answers, at a time and place that the [State] Board determines.

12 **[(i)] (J)** (1) If an applicant fails to appear for a scheduled examination,
13 the applicant may reapply for an examination.

14 (2) The applicant:

15 (i) shall submit to the [State] Board an application for
16 reexamination on the form that the [State] Board provides; and

17 (ii) unless, for good cause, the [State] Board waives payment of
18 the examination fee, shall again pay the examination fee under **[\S 6-305]**
19 **SUBSECTION (G)** of this [subtitle] **SECTION.**

20 6-306.1.

21 (a) The [State] Board may use a testing service to administer the
22 examinations given under this title.

23 (b) If the [State] Board uses a testing service, the testing service, subject to
24 the requirements set by the [State] Board, may:

25 (1) set the time and place of examinations;

26 (2) give qualified applicants notice of the time and place of
27 examinations; and

28 (3) furnish any other information that the [State] Board may require
29 the testing service to provide.

30 6-307.

1 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, the [State] Board shall waive
2 the examination requirements of this subtitle for an individual who holds a local
3 APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPERSON, OR MASTER LEVEL license AND SUBMITS AN
4 APPLICATION TO THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-305 OF THIS SUBTITLE
5 ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2019.

6 (b) The [State] Board shall grant a waiver under this section only if the
7 applicant:

8 (1) pays the application fee established by the Board under [§ 6-205] §
9 **6-305** of this [title] SUBTITLE;

10 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

11 (i) meets the qualifications otherwise required by this subtitle;
12 and

13 (ii) is licensed in a local jurisdiction after:

14 1. passing, in that local jurisdiction, an examination that
15 is equivalent to the examination for which the applicant is seeking the waiver; and

16 2. meeting, in that local jurisdiction, requirements that
17 are equivalent to the licensing requirements of this subtitle; and

18 (3) submits a statement from the local jurisdiction certifying:

19 (i) the applicant is in good standing with the local jurisdiction;

20 (ii) the applicant obtained the local license by taking an
21 examination equivalent to the examination given by the [State] Board; and

22 (iii) the date of the local examination.

23 [(c) An initial State license that is obtained under this section may not be
24 reinstated unless the requirements of § 6-312 of this subtitle are met.]

25 6-308.

26 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, on the affirmative vote of at
27 least a majority of the authorized membership of the [State] Board, the [State] Board
28 may waive the examination requirements of this subtitle for an individual who is
29 licensed to provide electrical services as a master electrician OR JOURNEYPERSON
30 ELECTRICIAN in another state.

1 (b) The [State] Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the
2 applicant:

3 (1) pays the appropriate application fee set by the Board under [§
4 6-205(2)] **§ 6-305(2)** of this [title] SUBTITLE; and

5 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

6 (i) meets the qualifications otherwise required by this subtitle;

7 (ii) holds an active license in good standing in the other state;

8 (iii) holds a license that is equivalent to the State license; and

9 (iv) [meets a 7-year experience requirement in providing
10 electrical services, at least 4 years of which must have been gained prior to licensure
11 in the other state, while under the supervision of a master electrician or similarly
12 qualified employee of a governmental unit] **BECAME LICENSED IN THE OTHER
13 STATE AFTER MEETING REQUIREMENTS IN THAT STATE THAT ARE
14 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
15 STATE.**

16 (c) The [State] Board may grant a waiver only if the state in which the
17 applicant is licensed waives the examination of licensees of this State to a similar
18 extent as this State waives the examination requirements for individuals licensed in
19 that state.

20 [(d) The Board may allow an applicant up to 3 years credit toward the
21 experience required under subsection (b)(2) of this section, if the State Board
22 determines that the applicant has completed a formal course of study or professional
23 training in electrical installation comparable to the required experience.]

24 6-309.

25 (a) If an applicant qualifies for a [State] license under this subtitle, the
26 [State] Board shall send the applicant a notice that states that:

27 (1) the applicant has qualified for a [State] license; and

28 (2) the [State] Board will issue a [State] license to the applicant on
29 receipt of:

30 (i) **[\$20] A LICENSE FEE SET BY THE BOARD;** and

31 (ii) proof of general liability and property damage insurance as
32 required under [§ 6-604] **§ 6-603** of this title.

1 (b) (1) If, at the time of application, an applicant intends to assign to
2 another person a local license that is obtained by use of a State license, the applicant
3 shall identify on the application the person to whom the applicant is assigning the
4 local license.

5 (2) On payment of the [State license] **REQUIRED** fee and receipt of the
6 proof of insurance required under [§ 6-604] **§ 6-603** of this title, the [State] Board
7 shall issue a [State] license to each applicant who meets the requirements of this title.

8 (c) The [State] Board shall include on each [State] license that the [State]
9 Board issues:

10 (1) the name of the licensee; and

11 (2) if, **PRIOR TO MARCH 31, 2019**, the licensee assigns a local license
12 to another person who engages in the business of providing electrical services, the
13 name of the person.

14 6-310.

15 (a) Unless a [State] license is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this
16 section, the [State] license expires on [the first June 30 that comes:

17 (1) after the effective date of the State license; and

18 (2) in an odd-numbered year] **A STAGGERED BASIS AS**
19 **DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY.**

20 (b) At least 1 month before a [State] license expires, the [State] Board shall
21 mail to the [State] licensee, at the last known address of the [State] licensee:

22 (1) a renewal application form; and

23 (2) a notice that states:

24 (i) the date on which the current [State] license expires;

25 (ii) the date by which the [State] Board must receive the
26 renewal application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the [State] license
27 expires; and

28 (iii) the amount of the renewal fee.

29 (c) Before a [State] license expires, the [State] licensee periodically may
30 renew it for an additional 2-year term, if the [State] licensee:

1 (1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

2 (2) pays to the [State] Board a renewal fee [of \$25] SET BY THE
3 BOARD;

4 (3) FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR JOURNEYPERSON
5 ELECTRICIAN, complies with continuing education requirements established by the
6 [State] Board in regulation; and

7 (4) submits to the [State] Board [a renewal application on the form
8 that the State Board provides]:

9 (I) A RENEWAL APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE
10 BOARD PROVIDES; AND

11 (II) ADEQUATE EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
12 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL
13 ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.

14 (d) The [State] Board shall renew the [State] license of each [State] licensee
15 who meets the requirements of this section.

16 (e) A [State] license to provide OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING electrical services
17 is not transferable.

18 [(f) The Secretary may determine that State licenses issued under this
19 subtitle shall expire on a staggered basis.]

20 6-311.

21 (a) The [State] Board shall place [a State licensee] THE LICENSE OF A
22 MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN on inactive status and
23 issue an inactive status certificate to the [State] licensee, if the [State] licensee:

24 (1) submits to the [State] Board an application for inactive status on
25 the form that the [State] Board provides;

26 (2) pays to the [State] Board any applicable inactive status
27 application fee;

28 (3) except for the insurance requirements of [§ 6-604] § 6-603 of this
29 title, qualifies for an active [State] license; and

30 (4) returns the [State] license to the [State] Board.

1 (b) The [State] Board shall place an applicant for an initial [State] license on
2 inactive status and issue an inactive status certificate to the applicant, if the
3 applicant:

4 (1) submits to the [State] Board an application for inactive status on
5 the form that the [State] Board provides;

6 (2) pays to the [State] Board an inactive status application fee [of an
7 amount equal to the State license fee under § 6-309 of this subtitle] **SET BY THE**
8 **BOARD**; and

9 (3) except for the **CONTINUING EDUCATION AND** insurance
10 requirements of [§ 6-604] **§ 6-310(C)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND § 6-603** of this
11 title, qualifies for an active [State] license.

12 (c) [(1)] A licensee on inactive status may not use a [State] license to
13 obtain a local license for providing electrical services as a master electrician in a local
14 jurisdiction of the State.

15 [(2)] In a county that requires a State license, a licensee on inactive
16 status may not provide electrical services as a master electrician.]

17 (d) (1) Unless the individual applies for another 2-year term as provided
18 in this subsection, an individual on inactive status loses that status [on the first June
19 30 that comes:

20 (i) after the inactive status registration certificate is issued to
21 the licensee; and

22 (ii) in an odd-numbered year] **ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE**
23 **INACTIVE STATUS.**

24 (2) At least 1 month before the inactive status of an individual expires,
25 the [State] Board shall mail to the individual, at the last known address of the
26 individual:

27 (i) a renewal application form; and

28 (ii) a notice that states:

29 1. the date on which the inactive status expires;

30 2. the date by which the [State] Board must receive the
31 renewal application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the inactive status
32 expires; and

1 3. the amount of the renewal fee.

2 (3) Before the inactive status expires, an individual on inactive status
3 periodically may renew it for an additional 2-year term, if the individual:

4 (i) otherwise is entitled to be placed on inactive status;

5 (ii) except for an electrical inspector, pays to the [State] Board a
6 renewal fee [of \$50] **SET BY THE BOARD**; and

7 (iii) submits to the [State] Board a renewal application on the
8 form that the Board provides.

9 (4) After an inactive status expires, the former licensee may reapply
10 for inactive status only if the former licensee:

11 (i) otherwise is entitled to be placed on inactive status;

12 (ii) pays to the Board a reapplication fee [of \$100] **SET BY THE**
13 **BOARD**; and

14 (iii) reapplies to the Board for inactive status within 2 years
15 after initial expiration of inactive status on a form that the Board provides.

16 (5) The [State] Board shall renew the inactive status of each
17 individual or grant the reapplication for inactive status of each former licensee who
18 meets the requirements of this subsection.

19 (e) If a former licensee on inactive status who has failed to renew the
20 inactive status within 2 years of its expiration reapplies for that status, the [State]
21 Board shall require the former licensee to comply with the requirements for obtaining
22 a [State] license under §§ 6-304, 6-307, and 6-503 of this title as well as the
23 requirements for inactive status under this section.

24 (f) The [State] Board shall reactivate the [State] license of an individual
25 who is on inactive status, if the individual:

26 (1) meets the renewal requirements that are in effect when the
27 individual requests the reactivation of the [State] license;

28 (2) submits to the [State] Board an application for reactivation on the
29 form that the [State] Board provides; and

30 (3) pays to the [State] Board a reactivation fee [of \$50] **SET BY THE**
31 **BOARD**.

1 6–312.

2 (a) The [State] Board shall reinstate the [State] license of [a master
3 electrician] **AN INDIVIDUAL** who is not on inactive status and who has failed to renew
4 the State license for any reason, if the [master electrician] **INDIVIDUAL**:

5 (1) applies to the [State] Board for reinstatement within 2 years after
6 the [State] license expires;

7 (2) meets the renewal requirements of § 6–310 of this subtitle; and

8 (3) in addition to the renewal fee required under § 6–310 of this
9 subtitle, pays to the [State] Board a reinstatement fee [of:

10 (i) \$25 for up to and including a 30–day late renewal;

11 (ii) \$50 for up to and including a 60–day late renewal; or

12 (iii) \$100 for a late renewal over 60 days] **SET BY THE BOARD**.

13 (b) If [a master electrician] **AN INDIVIDUAL** who has failed to renew the
14 [State] license for any reason applies for reinstatement more than 2 years after the
15 [State] license has expired, the [State] Board shall require the [master electrician]
16 **INDIVIDUAL** to pay a reinstatement fee [of \$100] **SET BY THE BOARD**, and comply
17 with the requirements for obtaining a [State] license under §§ 6–304, 6–307, and
18 6–503 of this title.

19 6–313.

20 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a county or
21 local government may employ an individual as an electrical inspector only if the
22 individual:

23 (i) holds a [State] license or local license, as applicable;

24 (ii) previously held, within the last 5 years, a [State] license or
25 local license, as applicable, that was not suspended or revoked; or

26 (iii) is certified by:

27 1. the International Code Council as a combination
28 inspector or as an electrical inspector for residential or commercial buildings;

29 2. the North American Board of Certified Energy
30 Practitioners; or

1 3. a certifying entity that is comparable to the entity
2 listed in item 1 or 2 of this item.

3 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply to a county or local
4 government that uses code inspectors or combination building code inspectors to
5 conduct trade-specific inspections on residential or commercial buildings to determine
6 compliance with adopted electrical codes or related building codes.

7 (b) An individual may not have any financial interest in any electrical
8 business while employed by the State, a county, or a local government as an electrical
9 inspector.

10 (c) (1) On appointment or employment as an electrical inspector, the
11 individual:

12 (i) shall place the [State] license of the individual on inactive
13 status; and

14 (ii) except for the renewal fee, shall meet the inactive status
15 requirements of § 6-311 of this subtitle.

16 (2) The [State] Board may issue an electrical inspector identification
17 card to an electrical inspector who has placed the State license on inactive status.

18 (3) The [State] Board may not charge a fee to issue the identification
19 card.

20 (d) The [State] Board may change the status of an electrical inspector to
21 individual inactive status, if the electrical inspector:

22 (1) meets the inactive status requirements of § 6-311 of this subtitle;
23 and

24 (2) pays an inactive status fee [of \$50] **SET BY THE BOARD.**

25 (e) On termination of the appointment or employment of an individual as an
26 electrical inspector, the [State] Board shall reactivate the [State] license of the
27 individual who is on inactive status, without examination, if the individual meets the
28 reactivation requirements for a [State] license under § 6-311(f) of this subtitle,
29 including payment of the reactivation fee.

30 6-314.

31 Within 10 days after the change, each [State] licensee shall give the [State]
32 Board written notice of a change of:

- 1 (1) the name of the [State] licensee;
- 2 (2) the address of:
 - 3 (i) the [State] licensee; or
 - 4 (ii) the person to whom the [State] licensee assigns a local
5 license; or
- 6 (3) the employment of the [State] licensee, including a change in the
7 assignment of a local license.

8 6–315.

9 The [State] Board may investigate or act in a disciplinary proceeding against a
10 [licensed master electrician] LICENSEE notwithstanding:

- 11 (1) a lapse, by operation of law, of the [State] license of the [master
12 electrician] LICENSEE;
- 13 (2) a suspension of the [State] license of the [master electrician]
14 LICENSEE by order of the [State] Board or a court; or
- 15 (3) a voluntary surrender of the [State] license of the [master
16 electrician] LICENSEE to the [State] Board.

17 6–316.

18 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 6–317 of this subtitle, the [State]
19 Board may deny a [State] license to any applicant, reprimand any [State] licensee, or
20 suspend or revoke a [State] license if the applicant or [State] licensee:

21 (1) fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a [State]
22 license for the applicant, [State] licensee, or another person, **INCLUDING**
23 **CERTIFYING ON A LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION COMPLETION OF**
24 **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED FOR LICENSE RENEWAL IF THE LICENSEE**
25 **HAS NOT FULLY COMPLETED THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT AT**
26 **THE TIME THE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED;**

27 (2) fraudulently or deceptively uses a [State] license;

28 (3) transfers the authority granted by a [State] license to another
29 person;

1 (4) engages in an unfair or deceptive trade practice, as defined in §
2 13–301 of the Commercial Law Article;

3 (5) willfully or deliberately disregards and violates a building code,
4 electrical code, or law of the State or a local jurisdiction;

5 (6) under the laws of the United States or of any state, is convicted of:

6 (i) a felony; or

7 (ii) a misdemeanor that is directly related to the fitness and
8 qualification of the applicant or licensee to provide electrical services;

9 (7) aids or abets a person to evade a provision of this title;

10 (8) willfully or deliberately disregards disciplinary action taken by a
11 local jurisdiction **AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE**
12 **PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES;**

13 (9) [fails in a material respect to comply with a provision of this title]
14 **MAKES A MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION IN THE PROCUREMENT OF A**
15 **CONTRACT OR PROJECT TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES;**

16 (10) fails to train and control adequately a person who, while under the
17 supervision of the [State] licensee, sells or estimates electrical work **OR PROVIDES OR**
18 **ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES;**

19 (11) fails to maintain a local license **IF REQUIRED** under § 6–601 of
20 this title; [or]

21 (12) fails to maintain the general liability and property damage
22 insurance required under [§ 6–604] **§ 6–603** of this title;

23 **(13) OFFERS OR PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES OUTSIDE THE**
24 **SCOPE OF THE LICENSE HELD BY THE LICENSEE;**

25 **(14) PERMITS ANOTHER LICENSEE TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL**
26 **SERVICES OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE;**

27 **(15) ABANDONS OR FAILS TO PERFORM, WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION,**
28 **A CONTRACT OR PROJECT TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES;**

29 **(16) PERFORMS WORK UNDER A CONTRACT OR PROJECT FOR THE**
30 **PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES THAT IS INADEQUATE OR INCOMPLETE;**

1 **(17) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PUBLISHES AN ADVERTISEMENT**
2 **RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES THAT CONTAINS A**
3 **REPRESENTATION OR STATEMENT THAT IS FALSE, DECEPTIVE, OR MISLEADING;**

4 **(18) VIOLATES ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE; OR**

5 **(19) VIOLATES ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE.**

6 (b) Allowing a [State] license to be used by another person is, in a
7 disciplinary proceeding under this section, prima facie evidence that a [State] licensee
8 transferred the authority granted by a [State] license to another person.

9 (c) The Board shall consider the following facts in the granting, denial,
10 renewal, suspension, or revocation of a license or the reprimand of a licensee when an
11 applicant or licensee is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor described in subsection
12 (a)(6) of this section:

13 (1) the nature of the crime;

14 (2) the relationship of the crime to the activities authorized by the
15 license;

16 (3) with respect to a felony, the relevance of the conviction to the
17 fitness and qualification of the applicant or licensee to provide electrical services;

18 (4) the length of time since the conviction; and

19 (5) the behavior and activities of the applicant or licensee before and
20 after the conviction.

21 6–317.

22 (a) Except as otherwise provided in § 10–226 of the State Government
23 Article, before the [State] Board takes any final action under § 6–316 of this subtitle,
24 it shall give the individual against whom the action is contemplated an opportunity for
25 a hearing before the [State] Board.

26 (b) The [State] Board shall give notice and hold the hearing in accordance
27 with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

28 (c) If, after due notice, the individual against whom the action is
29 contemplated fails or refuses to appear, nevertheless the [State] Board may hear and
30 determine the matter.

31 6–318.

1 Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the [State] Board in a contested
2 case, as defined in § 10–202 of the State Government Article, may take an appeal as
3 allowed in §§ 10–222 and 10–223 of the State Government Article.

4 6–319.

5 (a) [The State Board may not suspend a State license for more than 1 year.

6 (b) The State Board may not revoke a State license for less than 1 year.

7 (c) If [a State license is suspended, the State] **THE BOARD, AFTER A**
8 **HEARING, SUSPENDS A LICENSE, THE** Board may allow the licensee to complete a
9 contract to provide electrical services that is in progress and uncompleted at the time
10 of suspension.

11 [(d)] **(B)** (1) If a [State] license is revoked, the [State] Board may
12 reinstate the [State] license after **NO LESS THAN** 1 year.

13 (2) A [State] license that has been revoked may be reinstated under
14 this subsection if:

15 (i) the individual whose [State] license has been revoked
16 submits a written request to the [State] Board;

17 (ii) the [State] Board holds a hearing on the request; and

18 (iii) the [State] Board makes a determination to reinstate the
19 [State] license.

20 [6–603.

21 (a) A master electrician may obtain an electrical permit or any other similar
22 permit from a local jurisdiction, if the master electrician:

23 (1) holds an active local license, if required, or a State license;

24 (2) shows proof of the State license; and

25 (3) pays any permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires.

26 (b) Before a local jurisdiction issues an electrical permit or similar permit to
27 a master electrician under this section, the local jurisdiction shall give the master
28 electrician notice of any local electrical requirements with which the master electrician
29 shall comply while providing electrical services in that local jurisdiction.

1 (c) On payment of the permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires, the local
2 jurisdiction shall issue the appropriate permit to each applicant who meets the
3 requirements of this section.]

4 **[6-604.] 6-603.**

5 (a) This section does not apply to a [State] licensee on inactive status.

6 (b) A master electrician who is licensed by the [State] Board and provides
7 electrical services or a person to whom the master electrician assigns a local license
8 under this title shall:

9 (1) maintain general liability insurance in the amount of at least
10 \$300,000;

11 (2) maintain property damage insurance in the amount of at least
12 \$100,000; and

13 (3) submit proof of the required insurance to the [State] Board.

14 (c) (1) An applicant for a [State] license shall submit proof of the
15 insurance required under this section to the [State] Board with the license
16 application.

17 (2) The [State] Board may not issue a [State] license to an applicant
18 to whom the insurance requirements of this section would apply unless the applicant
19 submits proof of the insurance.

20 (d) Unless an applicant meets the insurance requirements of this section, the
21 [State] Board may not renew a [State] license of the applicant to whom the insurance
22 requirements of this section would apply.

23 (e) If the insurance required under this section is canceled, the insurer shall
24 notify the [State] Board within 10 days after the date of cancellation.

25 (f) If a local jurisdiction requires an applicant for a local license to execute a
26 bond to the local jurisdiction, the applicant may satisfy the bond requirement by
27 submitting proof of the insurance required under this section.

28 **[6-605.**

29 A licensed master electrician or a person to whom a master electrician assigns a
30 local license may employ an individual who is not a licensed master electrician under
31 this title to provide electrical services if the individual provides the services only while
32 under the supervision and control of a licensed master electrician.]

1 **[6-606.] 6-604.**

2 (a) The General Assembly intends that the revenues of the [State] Board be
3 sufficient to meet its costs, including reasonably apportioned Department overhead.

4 (b) The Secretary shall:

5 (1) monitor the fees and other revenue of the [State] Board for
6 compliance with the intent of this section; and

7 (2) recommend adjustments, if necessary.

8 **6-605.**

9 **AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES THAT IS IN THE NAME OF**
10 **A PERSON WHO PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES SHALL CONTAIN THE LICENSE**
11 **NUMBER AND NAME OF A MASTER ELECTRICIAN WHOM THE PERSON EMPLOYS**
12 **AND DESIGNATES TO DIRECT AND CONTROL THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL**
13 **SERVICES THROUGH THE BUSINESS OF THE PERSON.**

14 **6-606.**

15 **(A) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN SHALL DISPLAY:**

16 **(1) THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN'S LICENSE AND THE LICENSE**
17 **NUMBER CONSPICUOUSLY IN THE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE**
18 **MASTER ELECTRICIAN; AND**

19 **(2) ON A VEHICLE USED ON THE JOB FOR PROVIDING ELECTRICAL**
20 **SERVICES, THE NAME OF THE BUSINESS AND LICENSE NUMBER OF THE MASTER**
21 **ELECTRICIAN RESPONSIBLE TO SUPERVISE THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL**
22 **SERVICES BY INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE THE VEHICLE.**

23 **(B) A LICENSEE SHALL GIVE THE BOARD WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY**
24 **CHANGE OF NAME, ADDRESS, OR EMPLOYMENT FROM THAT WHICH APPEARS ON**
25 **THE CURRENT LICENSE AT LEAST 10 WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE CHANGE IS TO**
26 **TAKE EFFECT.**

27 **6-607.**

28 **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, A PERSON MAY NOT:**

29 **(1) PROVIDE, ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE, OR OFFER TO PROVIDE**
30 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION IN THE STATE WITHOUT AN**
31 **APPROPRIATE LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE;**

1 **(2) ASSIST, ATTEMPT TO ASSIST, OR OFFER TO ASSIST IN**
2 **PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION IN THE STATE**
3 **WITHOUT AN APPROPRIATE LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE;**

4 **(3) PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION**
5 **WITHOUT OBTAINING A PERMIT FOR SUCH SERVICES REQUIRED BY A LOCAL**
6 **JURISDICTION; OR**

7 **(4) PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE**
8 **LICENSE ISSUED TO THE PERSON UNDER THIS TITLE.**

9 **6-608.**

10 **(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, A PERSON MAY**
11 **NOT EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING**
12 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL:**

13 **(1) IS LICENSED BY THE BOARD AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN; OR**

14 **(2) (I) IS LICENSED BY THE BOARD AS A JOURNEYPERSON**
15 **ELECTRICIAN; AND**

16 **(II) PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING THE ELECTRICAL**
17 **SERVICES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE LICENSE.**

18 **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST**
19 **IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES UNDER A PUBLIC WORK CONTRACT**
20 **SUBJECT TO TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND**
21 **PROCUREMENT ARTICLE UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS LICENSED BY THE BOARD.**

22 **(C) A PERSON MAY NOT CLASSIFY AN EMPLOYEE UNDER A PUBLIC**
23 **WORK CONTRACT SUBJECT TO TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE FINANCE**
24 **AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE WHO IS LICENSED UNDER THIS TITLE AT A**
25 **SPECIFIC WORK CLASSIFICATION THAT IS HIGHER THAN THE EMPLOYEE'S**
26 **LICENSE TYPE.**

27 **6-609.**

28 **UNLESS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS TITLE TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL**
29 **SERVICES, A PERSON MAY NOT REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC, BY USE OF A TITLE,**
30 **INCLUDING "MASTER ELECTRICIAN", "REGISTERED ELECTRICIAN", "LICENSED**
31 **MASTER ELECTRICIAN", "JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN", "REGISTERED**
32 **JOURNEYPERSON", OR "LICENSED JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN", OR BY**

1 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, METHODS, OR PROCEDURES, OR OTHERWISE, THAT
2 THE PERSON IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THE
3 STATE.

4 **6-610.**

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "OFFICER" INCLUDES A SUPERINTENDENT, A
6 MANAGER, OR AN AGENT OF A CORPORATION, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE
7 CORPORATION ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL
8 SERVICES.

9 (B) ANY PERSON, INCLUDING AN OFFICER, WHO VIOLATES §§ 6-605
10 THROUGH 6-609 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON
11 CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO:

12 (1) A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT
13 EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR BOTH; AND

14 (2) ON A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, A FINE NOT
15 EXCEEDING \$ 5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 2 YEARS OR BOTH.

16 (C) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES § 6-603 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY
17 OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT
18 EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR BOTH.

19 (D) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER THIS
20 TITLE, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE ON A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION
21 OF THIS SUBTITLE A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 FOR EACH
22 VIOLATION.

23 (E) IN ESTABLISHING THE PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)
24 OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER:

25 (1) THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION;

26 (2) THE GOOD FAITH OF THE VIOLATOR;

27 (3) ANY PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE VIOLATOR;

28 (4) THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF THE VIOLATION; AND

29 (5) ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY PENALTY COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

6–701.

This title may be cited as the “Maryland [Master] Electricians Act”.

6–702.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, this title and all regulations adopted under this title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, 2023.

Article – Public Safety

12–603.

Each electrical installation in the State shall conform to:

(1) the National Electrical Code; [or]

(2) THE STATE ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS UNDER § 6–205 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE; OR

[(2)] (3) the electrical code and amendments adopted by the county in which the electrical installation is done.

Article – Business Regulation

2–106.9.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “BOARD” MEANS THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 6–201 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.

(3) “FUND” MEANS THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS FUND.

(B) (1) THERE IS A BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS FUND IN THE DEPARTMENT.

1 **(2) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**
2 **SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

3 **(C) THE FUND CONSISTS OF FEES COLLECTED BY THE BOARD AND**
4 **DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER TITLE 6 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS**
5 **AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.**

6 **(D) THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO COVER THE ~~COMMISSION'S~~ BOARD'S**
7 **ACTUAL DOCUMENTED DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF FULFILLING THE**
8 **STATUTORY AND REGULATORY DUTIES OF THE ~~COMMISSION~~ BOARD.**

9 **(E) THE SECRETARY OR A DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY SHALL**
10 **ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

11 **(F) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS AND**
12 **TRANSACTIONS OF THE FUND AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE**
13 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

14 **(G) AT THE END OF EACH EVEN-NUMBERED FISCAL YEAR, ANY**
15 **UNSPENT AND UNENCUMBERED PORTION OF THE FUND IN EXCESS OF ~~\$100,000~~**
16 **10% OF THE ACTUAL EXPENSES OF OPERATING THE BOARD SHALL REVERT TO**
17 **THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

18 **(H) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO**
19 **THE GENERAL FUND.**

20 **2-106.10.**

21 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS**
22 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 6-201 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND**
23 **PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.**

24 **(B) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ~~COMMISSION~~ BOARD, THE**
25 **SECRETARY SHALL CALCULATE ANNUALLY THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS**
26 **ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE BOARD.**

27 **(C) BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2014, THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH**
28 **FEES BASED ON THE CALCULATIONS PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER**
29 **THIS SECTION.**

30 **(D) EACH FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD MAY NOT BE INCREASED**
31 **ANNUALLY BY MORE THAN 12.5% OF THE EXISTING AND CORRESPONDING FEE**
32 **OF THE BOARD.**

1 **(E) THE FEES ESTABLISHED FOR THE OCCUPATION REGULATED UNDER**
2 **TITLE 6 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE SHALL**
3 **BE SET SO AS TO PRODUCE FUNDS TO APPROXIMATE THE COST OF REGULATING**
4 **THE OCCUPATION.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
6 read as follows:

7 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

8 6–320.

9 Within 30 days after taking action, the [State] Board shall give each local board
10 or building official notice of the name of each [master electrician] LICENSEE whose
11 [State] license has been suspended, revoked, or reinstated by the [State] Board.

12 6–321.

13 (a) (1) When a county or municipal corporation that requires a local
14 license initiates a disciplinary action against a [licensed master electrician]
15 LICENSEE, the county or municipal corporation shall report the disciplinary action to
16 the [State] Board within 30 days of commencement of the action.

17 (2) When the [State] Board receives notice of a local disciplinary
18 action against a [licensed master electrician] LICENSEE, the [State] Board shall
19 provide notice of the disciplinary action to each local licensing jurisdiction.

20 (b) Each local licensing jurisdiction shall submit a report to the [State]
21 Board on the number of complaints against [master electricians] LICENSEES licensed
22 in the local jurisdiction on or before December 1 of each year.

23 6–401.

24 (a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual who holds a
25 [State] license or qualifies for a [State] license may use the [State] license to:

26 (1) obtain a local license; and

27 (2) assign that local license to another person, including a sole
28 proprietorship, who engages in the business of providing electrical services.

29 (b) (1) Subject to the limitations in this section, if an individual obtains a
30 [State] license on the basis of a local license under Subtitle 5 of this title and that local
31 license has been assigned to a person who engages in the business of providing
32 electrical services, the individual shall identify on the [State] license the person to
33 whom that local license has been assigned.

1 (2) Subject to the limitations in this section, if an individual obtains a
2 local license on the basis of a [State] license and intends to assign that local license to
3 a person who engages in the business of providing electrical services, the individual
4 shall identify on the [State] license the person to whom that local license is to be
5 assigned.

6 (c) (1) If, at the time of application for a [State] license, an individual
7 intends to assign a local license obtained on the basis of the [State] license, the
8 individual shall:

9 (i) meet the requirements for issuance of a [State] license
10 under § 6–309 of this title;

11 (ii) include, on the application form submitted to the [State]
12 Board, the name of the person to whom the local license is to be assigned;

13 (iii) pay the appropriate [State] license fee under § 6–309 of this
14 title; and

15 (iv) submit to the [State] Board proof of general liability and
16 property damage insurance as required under [§ 6–604] **§ 6–603** of this title.

17 (2) If an individual obtains a [State] license on the basis of a local
18 license that has been assigned, the individual shall:

19 (i) meet the requirements for issuance of a [State] license
20 under § 6–309 of this title;

21 (ii) include, on an application form submitted to the [State]
22 Board, the name of the person to whom the local license has been assigned;

23 (iii) pay the appropriate [State] license fee under § 6–309 of this
24 title; and

25 (iv) submit to the [State] Board proof of general liability and
26 property damage insurance as required under [§ 6–604] **§ 6–603** of this title.

27 (3) If, after issuance of a [State] license to an individual, the
28 individual intends to assign a local license obtained on the basis of the [State] license,
29 the individual shall:

30 (i) meet the notification requirements of § 6–314 of this title;

1 (ii) submit to the [State] Board an application for identification
2 of the assignment on the [State] license;

3 (iii) pay to the [State] Board an identification fee [of \$50] **SET**
4 **BY THE BOARD;**

5 (iv) submit to the [State] Board proof of general liability and
6 property damage insurance as required under [§ 6-604] **§ 6-603** of this title; and

7 (v) return the [State] license.

8 (d) (1) If an individual obtains a local license by the use of the [State]
9 license of the individual, the local license may be assigned at any 1 time to only 1
10 person who engages in the business of providing electrical services.

11 (2) If at any time an individual holds 2 or more current local licenses
12 that were obtained by the use of a [State] license, the individual may assign those
13 local licenses only if the assignment is made to the same person.

14 6-402.

15 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section and § 6-314 of this title, [a
16 master electrician] **AN INDIVIDUAL** who is licensed by the [State] Board and who
17 assigns a local license to a person who engages in the business of providing electrical
18 services may change that assignment.

19 (b) To change an assignment of a local license, an applicant shall:

20 (1) submit to the [State] Board an application on the form that the
21 [State] Board provides;

22 (2) pay to the [State] Board a change of status fee [of \$50] **SET BY**
23 **THE BOARD;**

24 (3) submit to the [State] Board proof of the change of status of the
25 local license; and

26 (4) return the [State] license to the [State] Board.

27 (c) On payment of the change of status fee, the [State] Board shall issue a
28 new license to the applicant.

29 (d) The [State] Board shall give each local jurisdiction notice of any change
30 in the status of a local license obtained by the use of a [State] license that will affect
31 the status of the [State] license.

1 6-501.

2 (A) In this subtitle, “reciprocal license”:

3 (1) means a license to provide electrical services issued by:

4 (i) the [State] Board on the basis of a license issued by a local
5 jurisdiction; or

6 (ii) a local jurisdiction on the basis of a license issued by[:

7 1.] the [State] Board; [or

8 2. another local jurisdiction;] and

9 (2) includes any type or class of license that the [State] Board or a
10 local jurisdiction issues to provide electrical services.

11 (B) **“RECIPROCAL LICENSE” DOES NOT INCLUDE A LICENSE TO**
12 **PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES ISSUED BY A LOCAL**
13 **JURISDICTION ON THE BASIS OF A SIMILAR LICENSE ISSUED BY ANOTHER**
14 **LOCAL JURISDICTION.**

15 6-502.

16 (a) Subject to the limitations in this title, the [State] Board may reciprocate
17 with a local jurisdiction to waive any of the qualifications required for any license
18 issued under this title for an applicant for a reciprocal license.

19 (b) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, each local jurisdiction may
20 reciprocate with the [State] Board or another local jurisdiction to waive any local
21 examination requirement and the qualifications required for taking a local
22 examination for an applicant for a reciprocal license.

23 6-503.

24 (a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual may qualify for a
25 reciprocal license from the [State] Board if the individual:

26 (1) holds a license from a local jurisdiction of the State to provide
27 electrical services in the local jurisdiction;

28 (2) applies for a reciprocal license of the same class or type that the
29 [State] Board issues; and

1 (3) at the time of application, does not have:

2 (i) the same class or type of license suspended or revoked by a
3 local jurisdiction of the State; or

4 (ii) a record of outstanding violations of the regulations of a
5 local jurisdiction of the State.

6 (b) The [State] Board shall waive any of the qualifications required for a
7 license under this title for an individual who:

8 (1) holds a license, from a local jurisdiction of the State, of the same
9 class or type as the license for which the applicant is seeking a waiver; and

10 (2) meets the waiver requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

11 (c) The [State] Board shall grant a waiver under this section for an
12 applicant who holds a license from a local jurisdiction only if the applicant:

13 (1) (i) 1. qualified for the license by passing an examination
14 given in the local jurisdiction; and

15 2. has held the license for at least 1 year immediately
16 before the date of application; or

17 (ii) 1. qualified for the license other than by passing an
18 examination in the local jurisdiction; and

19 2. has held the license for at least 2 years immediately
20 before the date of application;

21 (2) submits a written statement from the local jurisdiction certifying:

22 (i) if the license is issued on the basis of an examination, the
23 date of issuance of the license; and

24 (ii) the licensee:

25 1. is in good standing with the local jurisdiction; and

26 2. has no record of outstanding violations of regulations
27 of the local jurisdiction;

28 (3) pays any reciprocal license fee required under this title;

29 (4) if required, submits proof of general liability insurance to the
30 [State] Board; and

1 (5) complies with any other licensing requirements of the [State]
2 Board.

3 6-504.

4 (a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual may qualify for a
5 reciprocal license from a local jurisdiction of the State if the individual:

6 (1) is licensed by another local jurisdiction of the State to provide
7 electrical services in that local jurisdiction;

8 (2) applies for a reciprocal license of the same class or type as the
9 license that the individual holds in that local jurisdiction; and

10 (3) at the time of application, does not have:

11 (i) a license of the same class or type suspended or revoked by a
12 local jurisdiction of the State; or

13 (ii) a record of outstanding violations of the regulations of a
14 local jurisdiction of the State.

15 (b) A local jurisdiction of the State that issues a license to provide electrical
16 services shall waive any of the licensing qualifications of the local jurisdiction for an
17 individual who:

18 (1) (i) is a resident of the State; or

19 (ii) meets the legal requirements of the State for establishing a
20 principal place of business in the State;

21 (2) holds a license, from another local jurisdiction of the State, of the
22 same class or type as the license for which the applicant is seeking a waiver; and

23 (3) meets the waiver requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

24 (c) A local jurisdiction shall grant a waiver under this section for an
25 applicant who holds a license from another local jurisdiction only if the applicant:

26 (1) (i) 1. qualified for the license by passing an examination
27 given in that local jurisdiction; and

28 2. has held the license for at least 1 year immediately
29 before the date of application; or

1 (ii) 1. qualified for the license other than by passing an
2 examination in that local jurisdiction; and

3 2. has held the license for at least 2 years immediately
4 before the date of application;

5 (2) submits a written statement from the local jurisdiction certifying:

6 (i) if a license is issued on the basis of an examination, the date
7 of issuance of the license; and

8 (ii) the licensee:

9 1. is in good standing with the local jurisdiction; and

10 2. has no record of outstanding violations of the
11 regulations of the local jurisdiction;

12 (3) pays any reciprocal license fee required by the local jurisdiction;

13 (4) if required:

14 (i) executes a bond to the local jurisdiction; or

15 (ii) submits proof of general liability insurance to the local
16 jurisdiction; and

17 (5) complies with any other licensing requirements of the local
18 jurisdiction.

19 6-505.

20 (a) Before a reciprocal license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it
21 for an additional term, if the licensee:

22 (1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

23 (2) pays a renewal fee to:

24 (i) the [State] Board as required under this title; or

25 (ii) the local jurisdiction from which the reciprocal license is
26 sought; and

27 (3) meets any other requirement for renewal set by:

28 (i) the [State] Board; or

1 (ii) the local jurisdiction from which the reciprocal license is
2 sought.

3 (b) A reciprocal license issued to an individual who has failed to renew the
4 license may not be reinstated.

5 (c) A reciprocal license issued under this subtitle is not transferable.

6 6-506.

7 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, an individual who holds a
8 reciprocal license may assign it to a person who engages in the business of providing
9 electrical services if the individual is employed principally by the person.

10 (b) An individual may reassign the reciprocal license of the individual once
11 in a fiscal year.

12 6-601.

13 Within 60 days after the issuance of a [State] license to an individual, the
14 individual shall hold a local license issued by the local jurisdiction where the
15 individual:

16 (1) resides;

17 (2) has a principal business office; or

18 (3) has a resident agent.

19 6-602.

20 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, a local jurisdiction shall waive
21 its examination requirements for an individual who is licensed by the [State] Board to
22 provide electrical services as a master electrician **OR JOURNEYPERSON**
23 **ELECTRICIAN.**

24 (b) A local jurisdiction shall grant a waiver under this section only if the
25 applicant:

26 (1) pays any license fee that the local jurisdiction requires; and

27 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

1 (i) is licensed as a master electrician **OR JOURNEYPERSON**
2 **ELECTRICIAN** under this title after passing an examination given by the [State]
3 Board or complies with § 6–307 of this title;

4 (ii) holds an active [State] **MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR**
5 **JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN** license **ISSUED BY THE BOARD**; and

6 (iii) in place of any bond requirement of a local jurisdiction,
7 meets the insurance requirements of [~~§ 6–604~~] **§ 6–603** of this subtitle.

8 (c) Within 10 working days after payment of any local license fee, a local
9 jurisdiction shall issue a local license to each applicant who meets the requirements of
10 this section.

11 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as
12 follows:

13 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

14 [6–320.

15 Within 30 days after taking action, the Board shall give each local board or
16 building official notice of the name of each licensee whose license has been suspended,
17 revoked, or reinstated by the Board.]

18 [6–321.

19 (a) (1) When a county or municipal corporation that requires a local
20 license initiates a disciplinary action against a licensee, the county or municipal
21 corporation shall report the disciplinary action to the Board within 30 days of
22 commencement of the action.

23 (2) When the Board receives notice of a local disciplinary action
24 against a licensee, the Board shall provide notice of the disciplinary action to each
25 local licensing jurisdiction.

26 (b) Each local licensing jurisdiction shall submit a report to the Board on the
27 number of complaints against licensees licensed in the local jurisdiction on or before
28 December 1 of each year.]

29 [6–401.

30 (a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual who holds a
31 license or qualifies for a license may use the license to:

32 (1) obtain a local license; and

1 (2) assign that local license to another person, including a sole
2 proprietorship, who engages in the business of providing electrical services.

3 (b) (1) Subject to the limitations in this section, if an individual obtains a
4 license on the basis of a local license under Subtitle 5 of this title and that local license
5 has been assigned to a person who engages in the business of providing electrical
6 services, the individual shall identify on the license the person to whom that local
7 license has been assigned.

8 (2) Subject to the limitations in this section, if an individual obtains a
9 local license on the basis of a license and intends to assign that local license to a
10 person who engages in the business of providing electrical services, the individual
11 shall identify on the license the person to whom that local license is to be assigned.

12 (c) (1) If, at the time of application for a license, an individual intends to
13 assign a local license obtained on the basis of the license, the individual shall:

14 (i) meet the requirements for issuance of a license under §
15 6–309 of this title;

16 (ii) include, on the application form submitted to the Board, the
17 name of the person to whom the local license is to be assigned;

18 (iii) pay the appropriate license fee under § 6–309 of this title;
19 and

20 (iv) submit to the Board proof of general liability and property
21 damage insurance as required under § 6–603 of this title.

22 (2) If an individual obtains a license on the basis of a local license that
23 has been assigned, the individual shall:

24 (i) meet the requirements for issuance of a license under §
25 6–309 of this title;

26 (ii) include, on an application form submitted to the Board, the
27 name of the person to whom the local license has been assigned;

28 (iii) pay the appropriate license fee under § 6–309 of this title;
29 and

30 (iv) submit to the Board proof of general liability and property
31 damage insurance as required under § 6–603 of this title.

1 (3) If, after issuance of a license to an individual, the individual
2 intends to assign a local license obtained on the basis of the license, the individual
3 shall:

4 (i) meet the notification requirements of § 6–314 of this title;

5 (ii) submit to the Board an application for identification of the
6 assignment on the license;

7 (iii) pay to the Board an identification fee set by the Board;

8 (iv) submit to the Board proof of general liability and property
9 damage insurance as required under § 6–603 of this title; and

10 (v) return the license.

11 (d) (1) If an individual obtains a local license by the use of the license of
12 the individual, the local license may be assigned at any 1 time to only 1 person who
13 engages in the business of providing electrical services.

14 (2) If at any time an individual holds 2 or more current local licenses
15 that were obtained by the use of a license, the individual may assign those local
16 licenses only if the assignment is made to the same person.]

17 [6–402.

18 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section and § 6–314 of this title, an
19 individual who is licensed by the Board and who assigns a local license to a person
20 who engages in the business of providing electrical services may change that
21 assignment.

22 (b) To change an assignment of a local license, an applicant shall:

23 (1) submit to the Board an application on the form that the Board
24 provides;

25 (2) pay to the Board a change of status fee set by the Board;

26 (3) submit to the Board proof of the change of status of the local
27 license; and

28 (4) return the license to the Board.

29 (c) On payment of the change of status fee, the Board shall issue a new
30 license to the applicant.

1 (d) The Board shall give each local jurisdiction notice of any change in the
2 status of a local license obtained by the use of a license that will affect the status of the
3 license.]

4 [6-501.

5 (a) In this subtitle, “reciprocal license”:

6 (1) means a license to provide electrical services issued by:

7 (i) the Board on the basis of a license issued by a local
8 jurisdiction; or

9 (ii) a local jurisdiction on the basis of a license issued by the
10 Board; and

11 (2) includes any type or class of license that the Board or a local
12 jurisdiction issues to provide electrical services.

13 (b) “Reciprocal license” does not include a license to provide or assist in
14 providing electrical services issued by a local jurisdiction on the basis of a similar
15 license issued by another local jurisdiction.]

16 [6-502.

17 (a) Subject to the limitations in this title, the Board may reciprocate with a
18 local jurisdiction to waive any of the qualifications required for any license issued
19 under this title for an applicant for a reciprocal license.

20 (b) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, each local jurisdiction may
21 reciprocate with the Board or another local jurisdiction to waive any local examination
22 requirement and the qualifications required for taking a local examination for an
23 applicant for a reciprocal license.]

24 [6-503.

25 (a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual may qualify for a
26 reciprocal license from the Board if the individual:

27 (1) holds a license from a local jurisdiction of the State to provide
28 electrical services in the local jurisdiction;

29 (2) applies for a reciprocal license of the same class or type that the
30 Board issues; and

31 (3) at the time of application, does not have:

1 (i) the same class or type of license suspended or revoked by a
2 local jurisdiction of the State; or

3 (ii) a record of outstanding violations of the regulations of a
4 local jurisdiction of the State.

5 (b) The Board shall waive any of the qualifications required for a license
6 under this title for an individual who:

7 (1) holds a license, from a local jurisdiction of the State, of the same
8 class or type as the license for which the applicant is seeking a waiver; and

9 (2) meets the waiver requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

10 (c) The Board shall grant a waiver under this section for an applicant who
11 holds a license from a local jurisdiction only if the applicant:

12 (1) (i) 1. qualified for the license by passing an examination
13 given in the local jurisdiction; and

14 2. has held the license for at least 1 year immediately
15 before the date of application; or

16 (ii) 1. qualified for the license other than by passing an
17 examination in the local jurisdiction; and

18 2. has held the license for at least 2 years immediately
19 before the date of application;

20 (2) submits a written statement from the local jurisdiction certifying:

21 (i) if the license is issued on the basis of an examination, the
22 date of issuance of the license; and

23 (ii) the licensee:

24 1. is in good standing with the local jurisdiction; and

25 2. has no record of outstanding violations of regulations
26 of the local jurisdiction;

27 (3) pays any reciprocal license fee required under this title;

28 (4) if required, submits proof of general liability insurance to the
29 Board; and

1 (5) complies with any other licensing requirements of the Board.]

2 [6-504.

3 (a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual may qualify for a
4 reciprocal license from a local jurisdiction of the State if the individual:

5 (1) is licensed by another local jurisdiction of the State to provide
6 electrical services in that local jurisdiction;

7 (2) applies for a reciprocal license of the same class or type as the
8 license that the individual holds in that local jurisdiction; and

9 (3) at the time of application, does not have:

10 (i) a license of the same class or type suspended or revoked by a
11 local jurisdiction of the State; or

12 (ii) a record of outstanding violations of the regulations of a
13 local jurisdiction of the State.

14 (b) A local jurisdiction of the State that issues a license to provide electrical
15 services shall waive any of the licensing qualifications of the local jurisdiction for an
16 individual who:

17 (1) (i) is a resident of the State; or

18 (ii) meets the legal requirements of the State for establishing a
19 principal place of business in the State;

20 (2) holds a license, from another local jurisdiction of the State, of the
21 same class or type as the license for which the applicant is seeking a waiver; and

22 (3) meets the waiver requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

23 (c) A local jurisdiction shall grant a waiver under this section for an
24 applicant who holds a license from another local jurisdiction only if the applicant:

25 (1) (i) 1. qualified for the license by passing an examination
26 given in that local jurisdiction; and

27 2. has held the license for at least 1 year immediately
28 before the date of application; or

29 (ii) 1. qualified for the license other than by passing an
30 examination in that local jurisdiction; and

1 2. has held the license for at least 2 years immediately
2 before the date of application;

3 (2) submits a written statement from the local jurisdiction certifying:

4 (i) if a license is issued on the basis of an examination, the date
5 of issuance of the license; and

6 (ii) the licensee:

7 1. is in good standing with the local jurisdiction; and

8 2. has no record of outstanding violations of the
9 regulations of the local jurisdiction;

10 (3) pays any reciprocal license fee required by the local jurisdiction;

11 (4) if required:

12 (i) executes a bond to the local jurisdiction; or

13 (ii) submits proof of general liability insurance to the local
14 jurisdiction; and

15 (5) complies with any other licensing requirements of the local
16 jurisdiction.]

17 [6-505.

18 (a) Before a reciprocal license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it
19 for an additional term, if the licensee:

20 (1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

21 (2) pays a renewal fee to:

22 (i) the Board as required under this title; or

23 (ii) the local jurisdiction from which the reciprocal license is
24 sought; and

25 (3) meets any other requirement for renewal set by:

26 (i) the Board; or

27 (ii) the local jurisdiction from which the reciprocal license is
28 sought.

1 (b) A reciprocal license issued to an individual who has failed to renew the
2 license may not be reinstated.

3 (c) A reciprocal license issued under this subtitle is not transferable.]

4 [6-506.

5 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, an individual who holds a
6 reciprocal license may assign it to a person who engages in the business of providing
7 electrical services if the individual is employed principally by the person.

8 (b) An individual may reassign the reciprocal license of the individual once
9 in a fiscal year.]

10 [6-601.

11 Within 60 days after the issuance of a license to an individual, the individual
12 shall hold a local license issued by the local jurisdiction where the individual:

13 (1) resides;

14 (2) has a principal business office; or

15 (3) has a resident agent.]

16 [6-602.

17 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, a local jurisdiction shall waive
18 its examination requirements for an individual who is licensed by the Board to provide
19 electrical services as a master electrician or journeyman electrician.

20 (b) A local jurisdiction shall grant a waiver under this section only if the
21 applicant:

22 (1) pays any license fee that the local jurisdiction requires; and

23 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

24 (i) is licensed as a master electrician or journeyman
25 electrician under this title after passing an examination given by the Board or
26 complies with § 6-307 of this title;

27 (ii) holds an active master electrician or journeyman
28 electrician license issued by the Board; and

1 (iii) in place of any bond requirement of a local jurisdiction,
2 meets the insurance requirements of § 6–603 of this subtitle.

3 (c) Within 10 working days after payment of any local license fee, a local
4 jurisdiction shall issue a local license to each applicant who meets the requirements of
5 this section.]

6 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
7 read as follows:

8 Article – Business Occupations and Professions

9 6–101.

10 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

11 (b) “Apprentice electrician” means an individual licensed by the Board to
12 assist a master electrician in providing electrical services while:

13 (1) under the direction and control of the master electrician; and

14 (2) in training to become a journeyman electrician.

15 [(c) (1) “Assignment of local license” means any procedure by which a
16 licensee grants to another person a right to use a local license to enable that person to
17 engage in the business of providing electrical services.

18 (2) “Assignment of local license” includes any procedure by which:

19 (i) a licensee agrees to be the representative of another person;
20 and

21 (ii) by virtue of that agreement, the other person is authorized
22 to engage in the business of providing electrical services.]

23 [(d)] (C) “Board” means the Board of Electricians.

24 [(e)] (D) “Continuing education” means any course or training in practical
25 techniques, installation procedures, or materials based on the latest edition of the
26 National Electrical Code and any adopted local amendments administered by:

27 (1) a college or trade school;

28 (2) a State or nationally recognized training program; or

29 (3) an organization or individual approved by the Board.

1 **[(f)] (E)** “Engage in the business of providing electrical services” means to
2 engage in providing electrical services for compensation.

3 **[(g)] (F)** “Journeyman electrician” means an individual who is:

4 (1) licensed by the Board to provide electrical services while under the
5 direction and control of a master electrician; or

6 (2) licensed as a journeyman electrician on or before March 31,
7 2019, by:

8 (i) Calvert County;

9 (ii) Charles County;

10 (iii) Harford County;

11 (iv) Montgomery County; or

12 (v) Prince George’s County.

13 **[(h)] (G)** (1) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a
14 license issued by the Board **[or a local jurisdiction]** to provide or assist in providing
15 electrical services.

16 (2) “License” includes, unless the context requires otherwise:

17 (i) a master electrician license;

18 (ii) a journeyman electrician license; and

19 (iii) an apprentice electrician license.

20 **[(i)] (H)** “Licensed master electrician” means, unless the context requires
21 otherwise, a master electrician who is licensed by the Board or a local jurisdiction to
22 provide electrical services.

23 **[(j)] (I)** “Limited energy system” includes cabling and equipment for voice,
24 video, audio, and data signals, class two or class three circuits as defined by the
25 National Electrical Code, remote control, signaling, or power-limited circuits, fire
26 alarm systems, optical fiber cables, communication circuits, raceways, community
27 antenna television and radio distribution systems, network-powered broadband
28 communications systems, premises-powered broadband communications systems,
29 alarm systems, access control systems, video surveillance systems, home automation
30 and control, audio visual systems, computer and communications networks, heating
31 furnaces and electrically operated air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment that

1 requires not more than 225 volts or 25 amperes of electrical current, digital or
 2 electrical signage, radios, televisions, television and radio distribution systems, motor
 3 repairs, and motor services.

4 ~~[(g)]~~ ~~(H)~~ **[(k)] (J)** “Local board” means a board that a local jurisdiction of the
 5 State creates to regulate any aspect of the electrical trade.

6 ~~[(k)]~~ ~~(J)~~ **[(l)] (K)** “Local license” means, unless the context requires otherwise,
 7 a license that is issued by a local board to provide electrical services.

8 ~~[(l)]~~ ~~(K)~~ **[(m)] (L)** “Master electrician” means an individual who is licensed by
 9 the Board to provide electrical services.

10 ~~[(m)]~~ ~~(L)~~ **[(n)] (M)** (1) “Provide electrical services” means to provide any
 11 service in the electrical trade.

12 (2) “Provide electrical services” includes installing, repairing,
 13 maintaining, erecting, or altering any electrical equipment, wiring, fixture, appliance,
 14 apparatus, raceway, conduit, or system that:

15 (i) generates, transmits, transforms, or uses electrical energy in
 16 any form for light, heat, power, or communication; and

17 (ii) is located within a plant, substation, or elsewhere.

18 **[(o)] (N)** “Provide limited energy services” means to design, install, erect,
 19 repair, maintain, or alter a limited energy system.

20 ~~[(n)]~~ **(p)** “State license” means a license that is issued by the Board to a
 21 master electrician.]

22 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the fees established
 23 under Title 6, Subtitles 3 and 4 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article in
 24 effect on September 30, 2014, shall remain in full force and effect until the fees
 25 authorized to be set by the Board of Electricians under this Act are adopted and
 26 become effective.

27 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of
 28 Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall work with representatives of the limited
 29 energy services industry to study the need for and feasibility of establishing a State
 30 license for the provision of limited energy services.

31 SECTION ~~6~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act
 32 shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of September 30, 2019,
 33 with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be
 34 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

1 SECTION ~~7~~ 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 3 and 4 of
2 this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

3 SECTION ~~8~~ 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
4 Section ~~7~~ 8 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.