

HOUSE BILL 1524

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By: **Delegate Haddaway–Riccio**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Continuing Education and Firm Permits for Heating,**
3 **Ventilation, Air–Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors and Plumbers**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Continuing Education and
5 Firm Permits for Heating, Ventilation, Air–Conditioning, and Refrigeration
6 Contractors and Plumbers; providing for the compensation, chair, and staffing
7 of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving
8 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
9 requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain
10 matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to
11 the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a
12 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
13 the Task Force to Study Continuing Education and Firm Permits for Heating,
14 Ventilation, Air–Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors and Plumbers.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That:

17 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Continuing Education and Firm Permits
18 for Heating, Ventilation, Air–Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors and
19 Plumbers.

20 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

21 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
22 of the Senate;

23 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
24 the House;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the
2 Secretary's designee; and

3 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

4 (i) one member of the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County
5 Master Plumbers Association;

6 (ii) one member of the Maryland Plumbing-Heating-Cooling
7 Contractors Association;

8 (iii) one member of the State Board of Heating, Ventilation,
9 Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors;

10 (iv) one member of the State Board of Plumbers;

11 (v) one member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union
12 486;

13 (vi) one member of the Baltimore County Plumbing Board;

14 (vii) one member of the Washington Suburban Sanitary
15 Commission;

16 (viii) one member of the Washington Suburban Master Plumbers
17 Association;

18 (ix) one member of the Mechanical Contractors Association of
19 Metropolitan Washington;

20 (x) one member of the Association of Builders and Contractors;
21 and

22 (xi) one member of the private sector who is a master plumber.

23 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

24 (d) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall provide staff
25 for the Task Force.

26 (e) A member of the Task Force:

27 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

28 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
29 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

1 (f) The Task Force shall:

2 (1) study issues relating to:

3 (i) requiring a firm to hold a permit issued by the State Board
4 of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors before
5 providing heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services in the State;

6 (ii) requiring a firm to hold a permit issued by the State Board
7 of Plumbers before providing plumbing or natural gas services in the State; and

8 (iii) requiring continuing education for individuals licensed by
9 the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration
10 Contractors or by the State Board of Plumbers; and

11 (2) make recommendations relating to the issues studied under this
12 subsection.

13 (g) On or before December 1, 2015, the Task Force shall report its findings
14 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
15 Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
16 Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
19 September 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
20 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.