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By: **Delegate Haddaway–Riccio**
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Board of Electricians – Licensing and Regulation of Electricians – Phase Out of Local Licenses

FOR the purpose of altering the purpose, composition, powers, and duties of the State Board of Master Electricians; changing the name of the State Board of Master Electricians to the Board of Electricians; authorizing the Board to issue an apprentice license and a journeyperson license under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to adopt a State electrical code; repealing certain powers of the Board in connection with a proceeding; repealing certain subpoena and injunction powers of the Board; requiring a county to enforce the State electrical code or a certain local electrical code; requiring the Board to enforce the State electrical code in a county under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to set certain fees by regulation beginning on a certain date; requiring the fees to approximate the cost of maintaining the Board and be based on certain calculations performed by the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; requiring the Board to publish a certain fee schedule; requiring the Board to pay certain fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute certain fees to a certain fund; requiring an individual to be licensed by the Board before providing or assisting in providing electrical services in the State; phasing out certain local electricians licenses over a certain period of time; providing that a certain local license is no longer valid on or after a certain date; altering certain licensing requirements; establishing a continuing education requirement as a condition of journeyperson license renewal; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from issuing a certain reciprocal license based on a license issued by another local jurisdiction; establishing a staggered renewal period for licenses; altering the circumstances under which the Board may deny a license to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, or suspend or revoke a license; requiring an advertisement for electrical services to contain certain information; requiring a master electrician to display certain information in a certain manner; prohibiting a person from taking certain actions without a license; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; establishing the Board of Electricians

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Fund; requiring any unspent portion of the Fund in excess of a certain amount to revert to the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year; crediting certain earnings to the General Fund; requiring the Secretary to make a certain calculation for certain purposes; establishing that certain fees in effect on a certain date remain in effect until certain other fees are adopted and made effective; providing for the application of this Act; altering, adding, and repealing certain defined terms; making stylistic and conforming changes; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the delayed effective date of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the Board of Electricians and the licensing and regulation of electricians.

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

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

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

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

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

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 2–106.9 and 2–106.10
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

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

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

6–101.

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

(B) "APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO ASSIST A MASTER ELECTRICIAN IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES WHILE:

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

(2) IN TRAINING TO BECOME A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN.

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

(2) "Assignment of local license" includes any procedure by which:

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

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

(D) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS.

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

(1) A COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL;

(2) A STATE OR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TRAINING PROGRAM; OR

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

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

(G) "JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS:

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

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

(I) CALVERT COUNTY;

(II) CHARLES COUNTY;

(III) HARFORD COUNTY;

(IV) MONTGOMERY COUNTY; OR

(V) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

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

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

(I) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE;

(II) A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE; AND

(III) AN APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE.

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

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

[(g)**] (K)** "Local license" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license that is issued by a local board to provide electrical services **[**as a master electrician**]**.

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

[(i)**] (M)** (1) "Provide electrical services" means to provide any service in the electrical trade.

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

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

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

[(j) "State Board" means the State Board of Master Electricians.**]**

[(k)**] (N)** "State license" means a license that is issued by the **[**State**]** Board to a master electrician.

6–102.

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

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

(2) PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN EFFICIENT AND SAFE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS;

(3) PROMOTE HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS; AND

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

6–103.

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

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

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

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

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

(3) to establish a local board;

(4) except as provided in §§ 6–504 and 6–602 of this title, to require an examination before issuing a license to provide electrical services within the local jurisdiction; or

(5) to collect, from a person who is licensed with a local board, fees for:

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

(ii) issuance and renewal of the license; or

(iii) an inspection**] TO ISSUE OR REQUIRE THAT A LICENSEE OBTAIN A REGISTRATION OR PERMIT BEFORE PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THAT JURISDICTION; OR**

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

(b) **(1)** **[**If**]** **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF** a local jurisdiction licenses any class of electricians **[**other than master electricians**]** **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2019**, that class is also under the control and supervision of the local board.

(2) ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2019, ANY LICENSE ISSUED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION OF THE STATE TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES IS NO LONGER VALID, REGARDLESS OF THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE LICENSE.

(c) This title may not be construed to waive any requirement of an ordinance or regulation that sets out the type of work to be performed by a person who engages in the business of providing electrical services as required under State or local building laws.

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

6–201.

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

6–202.

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

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

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

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

(III) 1 SHALL BE AN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR.

(3) Of the 6 master electrician members:

(i) 1 shall be from Baltimore City;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR MEMBER SHALL:

(I) BE FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; AND

(II) HAVE EXPERTISE IN ELECTRICAL CODE COMPLIANCE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6–203.

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

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

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

6–204.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6–205.

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

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

(2)**]** adopt regulations to **[**establish:

(i) application and examination fees;

(ii) continuing education requirements; and

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

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

(3) ISSUE LICENSES;

(4) KEEP RECORDS OF ITS PROCEEDINGS; AND

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

[6–206.

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

(1) may hold hearings;

(2) may administer oaths; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) the violation allegedly is occurring; or

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

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

6–206.

(A) EACH COUNTY SHALL:

(1) ENFORCE THE STATE ELECTRICAL CODE; OR

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

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

[6–207.

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

6–207.

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

(2) THE FEES CHARGED SHALL BE:

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

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

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

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

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

6–208.

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

6–301.

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

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

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

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

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

(ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

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

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

6–302.

(A) ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2019, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THE STATE MAY NO LONGER HOLD A LOCAL LICENSE ISSUED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION.

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

(1) [In**] IN** a local jurisdiction that requires a local license, the **[**State**]** license **ISSUED BY THE BOARD**, while the **[**State**]** license **ISSUED BY THE BOARD** is in effect, serves only as a mechanism that helps a licensee in obtaining a local license under §§ 6–601 and 6–602 of this **[**title.**] TITLE; AND**

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

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

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

6–303.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) is located on any premises, roadway, or right–of–way in which the company has a lawful interest.

6–304.

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

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

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

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

(i) a master electrician; or

(ii) a similarly qualified employee of a governmental unit**; AND**

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

(2) PASS AN EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD.

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

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

(1) BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD; AND

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

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

B. BY ANOTHER STATE;

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

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

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

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

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

6–305.

An applicant for a [State] license shall:

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

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

6–306.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The applicant:

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

(ii) unless, for good cause, the **[**State**]** Board waives payment of the examination fee, shall again pay the examination fee under **[**§ 6–305**] SUBSECTION (G)** of this **[**subtitle**] SECTION**.

6–306.1.

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

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

(1) set the time and place of examinations;

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

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

6–307.

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

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

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

(2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

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

(ii) is licensed in a local jurisdiction after:

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) the date of the local examination.

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

6–308.

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

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

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

(2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

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

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

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

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

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

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

6–309.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) the name of the licensee; and

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

6–310.

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

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

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

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

(1) a renewal application form; and

(2) a notice that states:

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

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

(iii) the amount of the renewal fee.

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

(1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6–311.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) a renewal application form; and

(ii) a notice that states:

1. the date on which the inactive status expires;

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

3. the amount of the renewal fee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6–312.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6–313.

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

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

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

(iii) is certified by:

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

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

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

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply to a county or local government that uses code inspectors or combination building code inspectors to

conduct trade–specific inspections on residential or commercial buildings to determine compliance with adopted electrical codes or related building codes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6–314.

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

(1) the name of the **[**State**]** licensee;

(2) the address of:

(i) the **[**State**]** licensee; or

(ii) the person to whom the **[**State**]** licensee assigns a local license; or

(3) the employment of the **[**State**]** licensee, including a change in the assignment of a local license.

6–315.

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

(1) a lapse, by operation of law, of the **[**State**]** license of the **[**master electrician**]** **LICENSEE**;

(2) a suspension of the **[**State**]** license of the **[**master electrician**]** **LICENSEE** by order of the **[**State**]** Board or a court; or

(3) a voluntary surrender of the **[**State**]** license of the **[**master electrician**]** **LICENSEE** to the **[**State**]** Board.

6–316.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) a felony; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(19) VIOLATES ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE.

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

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

(1) the nature of the crime;

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

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

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

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

6–317.

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

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

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

6–318.

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

6–319.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[6–603.

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

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

(2) shows proof of the State license; and

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

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

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

[6–604.**] 6–603.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[6–605.

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

[6–606.**] 6–604.**

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

(b) The Secretary shall:

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

(2) recommend adjustments, if necessary.

6–605.

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

6–606.

(A) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN SHALL DISPLAY:

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

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

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

6–607.

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

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

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

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

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

6–608.

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

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

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

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

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

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

6–609.

UNLESS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS TITLE TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES, A PERSON MAY NOT REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC, BY USE OF A TITLE, INCLUDING "MASTER ELECTRICIAN", "REGISTERED ELECTRICIAN", "LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN", "JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN", "REGISTERED JOURNEYPERSON", OR "LICENSED JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN", OR BY DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, METHODS, OR PROCEDURES, OR OTHERWISE, THAT THE PERSON IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THE STATE.

6–610.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION;

(2) THE GOOD FAITH OF THE VIOLATOR;

(3) ANY PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE VIOLATOR;

(4) THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF THE VIOLATION; AND

(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.

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

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

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

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

(F) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE FUND AS PROVIDED IN § 2–1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(G) AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, ANY UNSPENT AND UNENCUMBERED PORTION OF THE FUND IN EXCESS OF $100,000 SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

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

2–106.10.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

6–320.

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

6–321.

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

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

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

6–401.

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

(1) obtain a local license; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(v) return the **[**State**]** license.

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

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

6–402.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6–501.

(A) In this subtitle, "reciprocal license":

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

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

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

1.] the [State] Board; [or

2. another local jurisdiction;] and

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

(B) "RECIPROCAL LICENSE" DOES NOT INCLUDE A LICENSE TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES ISSUED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION ON THE BASIS OF A SIMILAR LICENSE ISSUED BY ANOTHER LOCAL JURISDICTION.

6–502.

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

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

6–503.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) the licensee:

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

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

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

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

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

6–504.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) the licensee:

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

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

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

(4) if required:

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

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

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

6–505.

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

(1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

(2) pays a renewal fee to:

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

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

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

(i) the **[**State**]** Board; or

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

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

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

6–506.

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

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

6–601.

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

(1) resides;

(2) has a principal business office; or

(3) has a resident agent.

6–602.

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

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

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

(2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

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

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

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

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

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

[6–320.

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

[6–321.

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

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

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

[6–401.

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

(1) obtain a local license; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(v) return the license.

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

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

[6–402.

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

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

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

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

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

(4) return the license to the Board.

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

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

[6–501.

(a) In this subtitle, "reciprocal license":

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

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

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

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

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

[6–502.

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

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

[6–503.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) the licensee:

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

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

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

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

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

[6–504.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) the licensee:

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

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

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

(4) if required:

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

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

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

[6–505.

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

(1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

(2) pays a renewal fee to:

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

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

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

(i) the Board; or

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

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

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

[6–506.

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

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

[6–601.

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

(1) resides;

(2) has a principal business office; or

(3) has a resident agent.**]**

[6–602.

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

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

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

(2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

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

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

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

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

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

6–101.

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

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

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

(2) in training to become a journeyperson electrician.

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

(2) "Assignment of local license" includes any procedure by which:

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

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

[(d)**] (C)** "Board" means the Board of Electricians.

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

(1) a college or trade school;

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

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

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

[(g)**] (F)** "Journeyperson electrician" means an individual who is:

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

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

(i) Calvert County;

(ii) Charles County;

(iii) Harford County;

(iv) Montgomery County; or

(v) Prince George's County.

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

(2) "License" includes, unless the context requires otherwise:

(i) a master electrician license;

(ii) a journeyperson electrician license; and

(iii) an apprentice electrician license.

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

[(j)**] (I)** "Local board" means a board that a local jurisdiction of the State creates to regulate any aspect of the electrical trade.

[(k)**] (J)** "Local license" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license that is issued by a local board to provide electrical services.

[(l)**] (K)** "Master electrician" means an individual who is licensed by the Board to provide electrical services.

[(m)**] (L)** (1) "Provide electrical services" means to provide any service in the electrical trade.

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

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

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

[(n) "State license" means a license that is issued by the Board to a master electrician.**]**

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

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

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

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