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Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the composition, powers, and duties of the State Board of Master Electricians; changing the name of the State Board of Master Electricians to the State Board of Electricians; authorizing the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to set standards to establish the education requirements and qualifications for a State apprentice electrician license; providing that, beginning on a certain date, certain licenses issued by local jurisdictions before a certain date will no longer be valid under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local jurisdiction, beginning on a certain date, from licensing a master-level or journeyperson-level electrician unless it applies for and receives authorization from the State Board; allowing a local jurisdiction to take certain actions against certain licensees under certain circumstances; requiring certain local jurisdictions to administer a certain examination in a certain manner; requiring each county and each municipal corporation to enforce certain provisions of law and adopt certain regulations or require certain State licenses under certain circumstances; altering certain licensing and examination requirements; authorizing a local board to apply to be a certain testing service; altering certain reciprocity requirements for certain individuals authorized to provide electrical services in other states; establishing certain continuing education requirements; authorizing the State Board to wave certain examination requirements and certain experiential requirements for certain licensees in certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which the State Board may deny a license to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, or suspend or revoke a license; authorizing the State Board to set certain fees; providing for the construction of a certain provision of law; requiring a master electrician to display certain information in a certain manner; requiring the licensee to give the State Board certain notice of a change in certain information; prohibiting a person from taking certain actions without a license; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; requiring the State Board to provide a certain notice to each local board in the State; altering, adding, and repealing certain defined terms; making stylistic



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3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Article – Business Occupations and Professions Section 6–101 through 6–103; 6–201, 6–202(a), (c)(1), (d), (e), and (h)(2), and 6–20 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 2. State Board of Electricians"; ar 6–301, 6–302 through 6–306, 6–306.1, 6–307, 6–308, 6–310(c)(4) and (6 6–311(b)(2) and (3), (c), and (d)(1), 6–312, 6–315, 6–316, 6–319(c) and (d)(1) 6–321(a)(2) and (b), 6–401, 6–601 through 6–603, 6–604(b), and 6–701 Annotated Code of Maryland								
12 13 14 15 16	Article – Business Occupations and Professions Section 6–104, 6–307.1, and 6–605 through 6–608 Annotated Code of Maryland								
17 18 19 20 21	Article – Business Occupations and Professions Section 6–604(a)								
22 23 24 25 26									
27 28	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:								
29	Article – Business Occupations and Professions								
30	6–101.								
31	(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.								
32 33 34	(b) (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.								
35	(2) "Assignment of local license" includes any procedure by which:								
36	(i) a licensee agrees to be the representative of another person; and								

- 1 (ii) by virtue of that agreement, the other person is authorized to engage in the business of providing electrical services.
- 3 (c) "Engage in the business of providing electrical services" means to engage in 4 providing electrical services for compensation.
- 5 (d) (1) "License" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued 6 by the State Board or a local jurisdiction to provide **OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING** electrical services.
- 8 (2) "LICENSE" INCLUDES, UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES 9 OTHERWISE:
- 10 (I) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE; AND
- 11 (II) A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE.
- 12 (E) "LICENSED JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN" MEANS, UNLESS THE
 13 CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, A MASTER ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE
 14 STATE BOARD OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING
 15 ELECTRICAL SERVICES.
- 16 **[(e)] (F)** "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.
- 19 **[**(f)**] (G)** "Local board" means a board that a local jurisdiction of the State creates 20 to regulate any aspect of the electrical trade.
- [(g)] (H) "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)] (I) "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.
- 26 [(i)] (J) (1) "Provide electrical services" means to provide any service in the 27 electrical trade.
- 28 (2) "Provide electrical services" includes installing, repairing, 29 MAINTAINING, ERECTING, or altering any electrical EQUIPMENT, wiring, fixture, 30 appliance, apparatus, raceway, [or] conduit, OR SYSTEM that:

(i) generates, transmits, transforms, or uses electrical energy in any

1 form for light, heat, power, or communication; and 2 (ii) is located within a plant, substation, or elsewhere. 3 "PROVIDING LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES" MEANS TO DESIGN, INSTALL, (K) ERECT, REPAIR, MAINTAIN, OR ALTER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: 4 5 **(1)** CABLING AND EQUIPMENT FOR VOICE, AUDIO, AND DATA SIGNALS; 6 **(2)** CLASS TWO OR CLASS THREE CIRCUITS, AS DEFINED BY THE 7 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, THAT ARE REMOTE CONTROL, SIGNALING, OR **POWER-LIMITED;** 8 9 **(3)** FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS; 10 **(4) OPTICAL FIBER CABLES;** 11 **(5) COMMUNICATION CIRCUITS;** 12 **(6)** RACEWAYS; 13 **(7)** COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION OR RADIO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS; 14 **(8)** 15 NETWORK-POWERED BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS; **(9)** 16 PREMISES-POWERED BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS; (10) ALARM SYSTEMS; 17 18 (11) ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS; 19 (12) VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS; 20 (13) HOME AUTOMATION AND CONTROL SYSTEMS; 21 (14) AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEMS; 22 (15) COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS; 23 (16) HEATING AND **ELECTRICALLY FURNACES OPERATED** AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT THAT REQUIRES NOT MORE 24THAN 225 VOLTS OR 25 AMPERES OF ELECTRICAL CURRENT;

1	(17)	DIGI'	TAL OR I	ELECTR	ICAL SIGNAGE			
2	(18)	RADI	os;					
3	(19)	TELE	EVISIONS	; ;				
4	(20)	TELE	EVISION A	AND RA	DIO DISTRIBUT	TION SYSTEM	S; AND	
5	(21)	MOT	ORS.					
6	[(j)] (L)	"Stat	e Board"	means	the State Board	of [Master] E	lectricians.	
7 8	[(k)] (M) master] AN electri		e license'	' means	a license that i	s issued by th	e State Board	d to [a
9	6–102.							
10 11 12 13 14	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, IN ORDER to safeguard the life, health, property, and public welfare of the citizens of the State. 6–103.							
16		title do	es not af	fect the	right of any loca	al jurisdiction	of the State:	
17 18 19	(1) to regulate LOCALLY 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:							
20 21	building laws; or	(i)	ensure	complia	ance with and in	nplementation	of State and	d local
22		(ii)	enforce	other lo	ocal laws protect	ing public hea	lth and safet	y;
23 24 25	(2) services to submit provided;				ho engages in th ion for approval			
26	(3)	to est	ablish a	local bo	ard TO:			
27		(I)	CARRY	OUT IT	EMS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SU	BSECTION;	
28		(II)	TAKE	ANY	DISCIPLINAR	Y ACTION,	EXCEPT	FOR

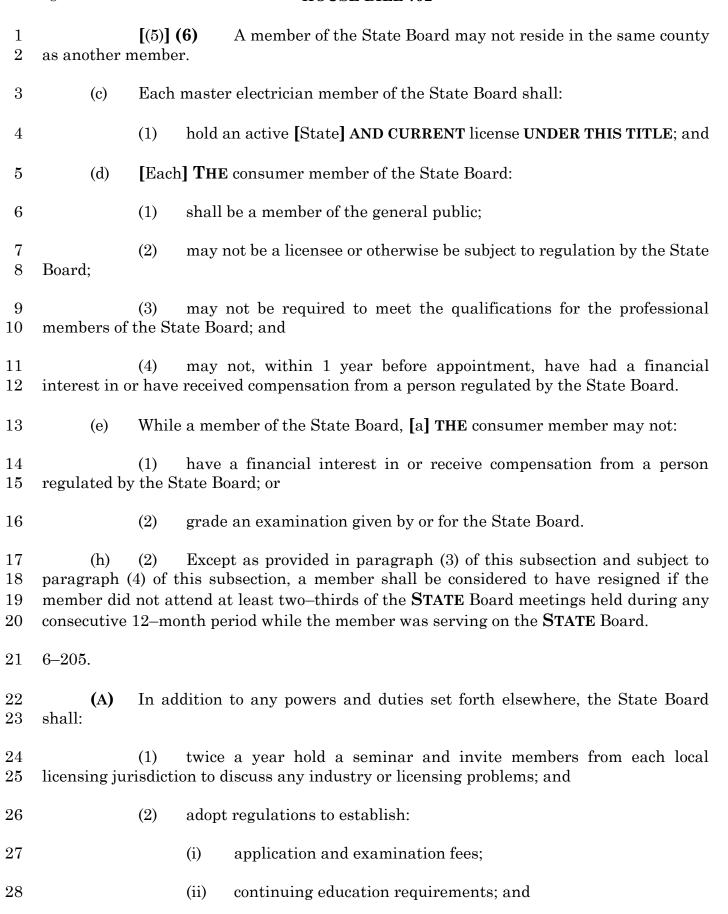
- 1 REVOCATION OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD, AGAINST A REGISTRANT
- 2 OR PERMIT HOLDER WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE; AND
- 3 (III) REPORT ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY TO THE STATE
- 4 **BOARD**;
- 5 (4) except as provided in §§ 6–504 and 6–602 of this title AND SUBJECT
- 6 TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, to require an examination before issuing a license
- 7 to provide electrical services within the local jurisdiction; or
- 8 (5) to collect, from a person who is licensed with a local board, fees for:
- 9 (i) an examination for a license to provide electrical services;
- 10 (ii) issuance and renewal of the license; or
- 11 (iii) an inspection.
- 12 (b) If a local jurisdiction licenses any class of electricians other than master electricians **OR JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIANS**, that class is also under the control and supervision of the local board.
- 15 (C) (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, ANY JOURNEYPERSON-LEVEL OR 16 MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIAN LICENSE ISSUED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION OF THE 17 STATE BEFORE JULY 1, 2019, IS NO LONGER VALID, UNLESS THE LOCAL 18 JURISDICTION APPLIES UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- 19 **(2)** BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY NOT 20 LICENSE A JOURNEYPERSON-LEVEL OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIAN UNLESS IT 21THE STATE **BOARD** APPLIES TO FOR AUTHORIZATION TO LICENSE 22 JOURNEYPERSON-LEVEL OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS LOCALLY.
- 23 (D) IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION RECEIVES AUTHORIZATION TO LICENSE 24 MASTER-LEVEL OR JOURNEYPERSON-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS UNDER SUBSECTION 25 (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL ADMINISTER THE SAME 26 EXAMINATION AS THE STATE BOARD AS PROVIDED UNDER § 6–306 OF THIS TITLE.
- [(c)] (E) 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.
- 31 **6–104.**

REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY FOR A STATE APPRENTICE 1 2ELECTRICIAN LICENSE. 3 Subtitle 2. State Board of [Master] Electricians. 6-201.4 5 There is a State Board of [Master] Electricians in the Department. 6-202.6 7 (a) The State Board consists of [9] 8 members appointed by the Governor (1)with the advice and consent of the Senate. 8 9 Of the [9] 8 members of the State Board: (2)10 (i) 6 shall be licensed master electricians; [and] 11 (II)1 SHALL BE AN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR; AND [(ii)] **(III)** [3] 1 shall be A consumer [members] MEMBER. 12Of the 6 master electrician members: 13 (3) 14 1 shall be from Baltimore City; (i) 15 (ii) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties; 16 17 (iii) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Baltimore, Cecil, and 18 Harford counties; 19 (iv) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Anne Arundel, Calvert, 20 Charles, and St. Mary's counties; 21(v) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Montgomery and Prince 22 George's counties; and 23 (vi) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Allegany, Carroll, 24Frederick, Garrett, Howard, and Washington counties. THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR MEMBER SHALL BE FROM THE 25**(4)** STATE AT LARGE. 26

The consumer [members] MEMBER shall be from the State at large.

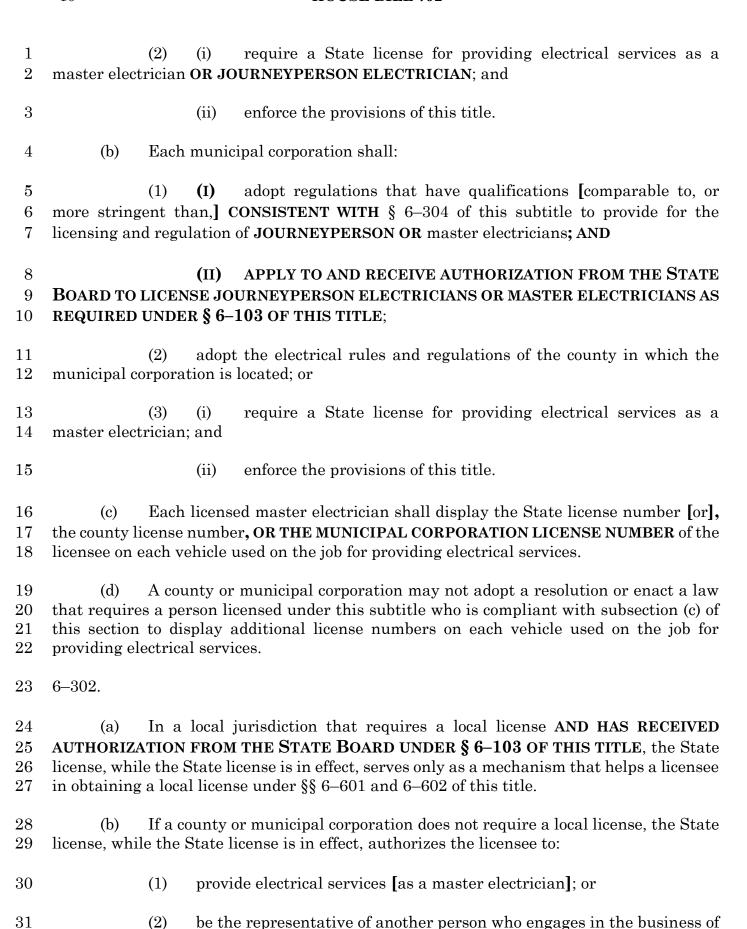
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1	(iii) application deadlines;
2 3 4 5 6	(3) ENFORCE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED BY THE STATE OR ANY CODE OR STANDARD OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION THAT RELATES TO THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES;
7	(4) ISSUE LICENSES;
8	(5) KEEP RECORDS OF ITS PROCEEDINGS; AND
9 10	(6) ADOPT ANY OTHER REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS TITLE.
11 12	(B) THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:
13 14	(1) BE BASED ON THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD, OR ANY LOCAL VARIANTS ADOPTED BY A LOCAL BOARD;
15 16	(2) CONSIST OF A COURSE OR TRAINING ON PRACTICAL TECHNIQUES, INSTALLATION PROCEDURES, OR OTHER RELEVANT TEACHINGS; AND
17	(3) BE ADMINISTERED BY:
18	(I) A COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL;
19 20	(II) A STATE OR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TRAINING PROGRAM; OR
21	(III) ANOTHER PERSON APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.
22	6–301.
23	(a) Each county shall:
24 25 26	(1) (I) adopt regulations that have qualifications [comparable to] CONSISTENT WITH § 6–304 of this subtitle, to provide for the licensing and regulation of master electricians OR JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIANS; AND
27 28	(II) APPLY TO AND RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE STATE BOARD TO LICENSE JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIANS OR MASTER ELECTRICIANS AS

REQUIRED UNDER § 6-103 OF THIS TITLE; or

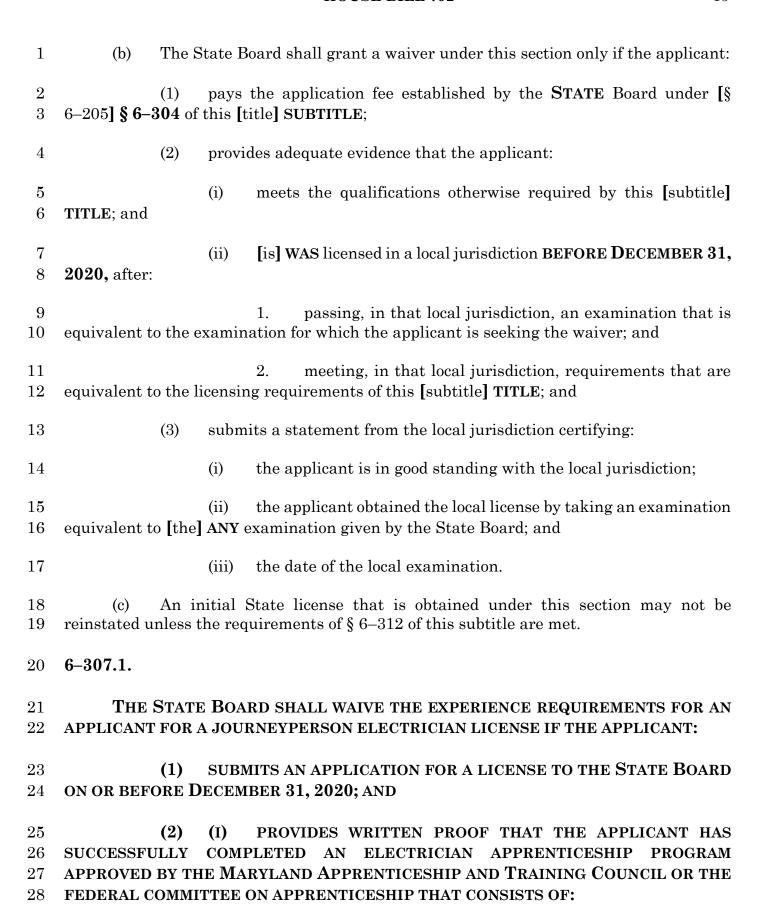


1 providing electrical services. 2 6-303. 3 (a) This subtitle does not require an individual to hold a State license while the 4 individual provides electrical services as an employee or subordinate of [a master] AN 5 electrician licensed by the State Board if: 6 the individual provides electrical services while under the control and (1)7 supervision of the licensee; and 8 (2) the licensee is responsible for the electrical services that the individual 9 provides. This subtitle does not require: 10 (b) a public utility company to employ [a master electrician] AN 11 (1)12 ELECTRICIAN LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD to represent the company while the 13 company is engaging in the business of providing electrical services to a facility of the 14 company that: (i) is regulated by the Public Service Commission; and 15 16 (ii) is located on any premises, roadway, or right-of-way in which the company has a lawful interest; [or] 17 an employee of a public utility company to hold a State license while 18 19 the employee provides electrical services to a facility of the company that: 20 (i) is regulated by the Public Service Commission; and 21is located on any premises, roadway, or right-of-way in which (ii) 22the company has a lawful interest; OR 23 A PERSON TO HOLD A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD IF **(3)** 24THE PERSON: 25 **(I)** IS PROVIDING LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES; IS LICENSED OR REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 18 OF THIS 26 (II)27 ARTICLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY SYSTEM SERVICES; 28 (III) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 12 OF THIS 29 ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT LICENSE; OR

- 1 (IV) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 9A OF THE 2 BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT 3 LICENSE.
- 4 6-304.
- 5 (a) To qualify for a State license, an applicant shall [be an individual who meets]
 6 MEET the requirements of this section.
- 7 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, [the] AN applicant FOR A 8 MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE shall have been engaged or employed regularly and 9 principally in providing electrical services for all types of electrical equipment and 10 [apparatus] APPARATUSES for at least 7 years while under the direction and supervision of:
- 12 (i) a master electrician; or
- 13 (ii) a similarly qualified employee of a governmental unit.
- 14 (2) The State Board may allow an applicant up to 3 years of credit toward 15 the experience required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, if the State Board 16 determines that the applicant has completed a formal course of study or professional 17 training in electrical installation comparable to the required experience.
- 18 (C) AN APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE SHALL
 19 HAVE BEEN ENGAGED OR EMPLOYED REGULARLY AND PRINCIPALLY IN PROVIDING
 20 ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR ALL TYPES OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND
 21 APPARATUSES FOR AT LEAST 4 YEARS WHILE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND
 22 SUPERVISION OF:
- 23 (1) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN; OR
- 24 (2) AN EMPLOYEE OF A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT WHO IS SIMILARLY 25 QUALIFIED AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSED UNDER THIS TITLE.
- [(c)] (D) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the applicant shall pass an examination given by the State Board under this subtitle.
- [(d)] (E) The State Board may investigate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether the applicant meets the requirements of this section.
- 30 6–305.
- 31 An applicant for a State license shall:

- 1 (1) submit to the State Board an application on the form that the State 2 Board provides; and
- 3 (2) pay to the State Board [or the State Board's designee an examination]
 4 AN APPLICATION fee set by the STATE Board in an amount not to exceed the cost of the
 5 required examination.
- 6 6–306.
- 7 (a) Except as otherwise provided in § 6–306.1 of this subtitle, an applicant who 8 otherwise qualifies for a State license is entitled to be examined as provided in this section.
- 9 (b) The State Board shall give examinations to qualified applicants at least twice 10 a year, at the dates, times, and places that the State Board determines.
- 11 (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.
- 13 (2) The notice shall specify the passing score for [the examination] 14 **EXAMINATIONS GIVEN UNDER THIS SUBTITLE**.
- 15 (d) (1) The State Board shall determine the subjects [and], scope, AND, 16 SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, FORM of the examination from a list of 17 questions submitted by the Maryland Uniform Electrical Licensing Examination 18 Committee, Inc.
- 19 (2) The State Board shall choose examination questions that:
- 20 (i) test the applicant's knowledge of all applicable codes, laws, or 21 principles of electrical installation; and
- 22 (ii) are constructed to determine the fitness of the applicant for a 23 State license.
- 24 (3) The State Board may appoint a committee to develop examination 25 questions FOR EXAMINATIONS GIVEN UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.
- 26 (e) The form of [the] EACH examination shall be objective and written.
- 27 (f) The passing score for [the] EACH examination shall be 70%.
- 28 (G) AN APPLICANT SHALL PAY TO THE STATE BOARD OR THE STATE 29 BOARD'S DESIGNEE AN EXAMINATION FEE SET BY THE STATE BOARD NOT TO 30 EXCEED THE COST OF THE REQUIRED EXAMINATION.
- 31 [(g)] (H) Within 45 days after the examination, the State Board shall mail or

- electronically transmit to each applicant notice of the applicant's examination score. 1 2 **[(h)] (I)** On written request to the State Board, an applicant who failed an 3 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. 4 5 [(i)] **(J)** If an applicant fails to appear for a scheduled examination, the 6 applicant may reapply for an examination. 7 (2) The applicant: 8 shall submit to the State Board an application for reexamination on the form that the State Board provides; and 9 10 (ii) unless, for good cause, the State Board waives payment of the 11 examination fee, shall again pay the examination fee under [§ 6-305] SUBSECTION (G) of 12 this [subtitle] **SECTION**. 13 6-306.1.14 **(1)** The State Board may use a testing service to administer the (a) examinations given under this title. 15 16 **(2)** A LOCAL BOARD MAY APPLY TO BE A TESTING SERVICE. 17 If the State Board uses a testing service, the testing service, subject to the requirements set by the State Board, may: 18 19 (1) set the time and place of examinations; 20 (2) give qualified applicants notice of the time and place of examinations; 21and 22(3) furnish any other information that the State Board may require the 23 testing service to provide. 246-307.25Subject to the limitations in this section, the State Board shall waive [the] 26 ANY examination requirements of this [subtitle] TITLE for an individual who:
- 27 (1) holds [a] AN ACTIVE local JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN OR 28 MASTER ELECTRICIAN license; AND
- 29 (2) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO THE STATE BOARD 30 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2020.



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1	1. AT LEAST 576 CLASSROOM HOURS; AND							
2	2. 8,000 HOURS OF WORK EXPERIENCE; OR							
3 4	(II) PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF OF 7 YEARS OF WORK EXPERIENCE PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES.							
5	6–308.							
6 7 8 9 10	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							
11	(b) The State Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:							
12 13	(1) pays the appropriate application fee set by the Board under [§ $6-205(2)$] § $6-304$ of this [title] SUBTITLE; and							
14	(2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:							
15 16	(i) meets the qualifications otherwise required by this [subtitle]							
17	(ii) holds an active license in good standing in the other state;							
18 19	(iii) holds a license that is equivalent to the [State] license ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD; and							
20 21 22 23	(iv) FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE APPLICANT, 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;							
24 25 26 27 28 29	(V) FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE APPLICANT, MEETS A 4-YEAR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES, AT LEAST 2 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; OR							
30	(VI) WAS LICENSED IN THE OTHER STATE BY EXAMINATION,							

AFTER MEETING REQUIREMENTS IN THAT STATE THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY

EQUIVALENT TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE.

- 1 (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.]
- 8 (D) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PURSUE A POLICY OF RECIPROCAL 9 RECOGNITION OF ELECTRICIAN LICENSES AWARDED IN OTHER STATES.
- 10 6–310.

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- 11 (c) Before a State license expires, the State licensee periodically may renew it for 12 an additional 2-year term, if the State licensee:
- 13 (4) submits to the State Board a renewal application on the form that the 14 State Board provides AND ADEQUATE EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF THE 15 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL ESTABLISHED BY
- 16 THE STATE BOARD.
- 17 (e) A State license to provide **OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING** electrical services is not 18 transferable.
- 19 6–311.
- 20 (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:
- 22 (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 STATE BOARD**; and
- 25 (3) except for the CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF § 26 6-310(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE insurance requirements of § 6-604 of this title, qualifies for an active State license.
- 28 (c) (1) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN 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.
- 31 (2) In a county that requires a State MASTER ELECTRICIAN license, a 32 licensee on inactive status may not provide electrical services as a master electrician.

- 1 (d) Unless the individual applies for another 2-year term as provided in (1) 2 this subsection, an individual on inactive status loses that status on the first June 30 that 3 comes: 4 (i) after the inactive status registration certificate is issued to the 5 licensee: and 6 (ii) in an odd-numbered year ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE 7 INACTIVE STATUS. 8 6-312.9 (a) The State Board shall reinstate the State license of [a master electrician] AN 10 INDIVIDUAL who is not on inactive status and who has failed to renew the State license for 11 any reason, if the [master electrician] INDIVIDUAL: 12 (1) applies to the State Board for reinstatement within 2 years after the 13 State license expires; 14 (2) meets the renewal requirements of § 6–310 of this subtitle; and 15 in addition to the renewal fee required under § 6-310 of this subtitle, 16 pays to the State Board a reinstatement fee set by the State Board. 17 (b) If [a master electrician] AN INDIVIDUAL who has failed to renew the State 18 license for any reason applies for reinstatement more than 2 years after the State license 19 has expired, the State Board shall require the [master electrician] INDIVIDUAL to pay a 20 reinstatement fee set by the State Board, and comply with the requirements for obtaining a State license under §§ 6–304 and 6–307 of this subtitle and § 6–503 of this title. 2122 6-315.23 The State Board may investigate or act in a disciplinary proceeding against a 24[licensed master electrician] LICENSEE notwithstanding:
- 24 Incensed master electrician LICENSEE notwithstanding.
- 25 (1) a lapse, by operation of law, of the State license of the [master 26 electrician] LICENSEE;
- 27 (2) a suspension of the State license of the [master electrician] LICENSEE 28 by order of the State Board or a court; or
- 29 (3) a voluntary surrender of the State license of the [master electrician] 30 LICENSEE to the State Board.
- 31 6–316.

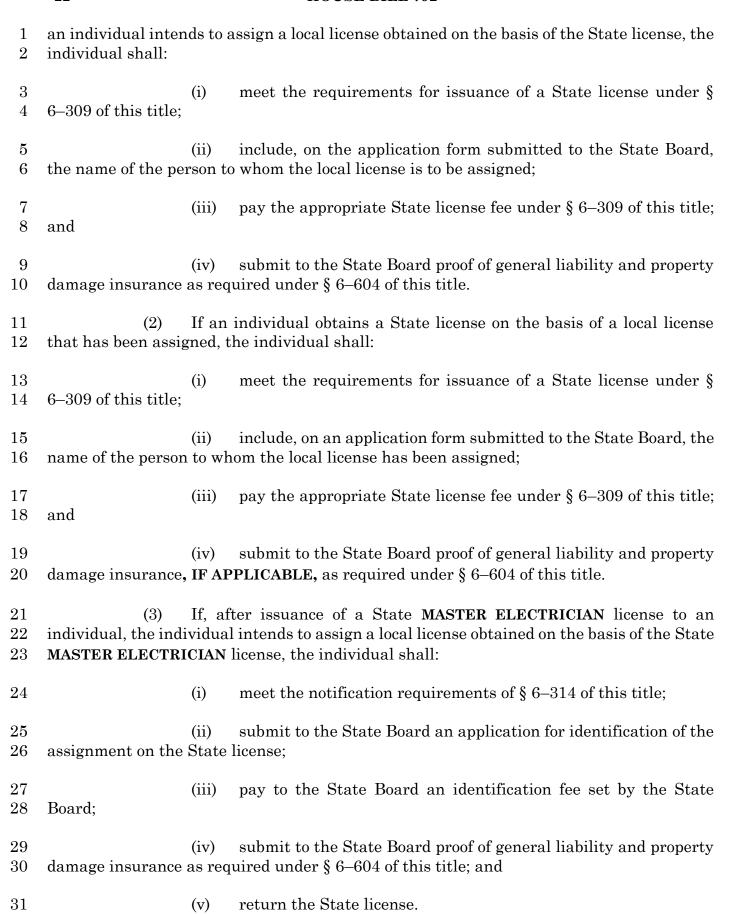
- 1 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 6–317 of this subtitle, the State Board 2 may deny a State license to any applicant, reprimand any State licensee, or suspend or 3 revoke a State license if the applicant or State licensee: 4 fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a State license 5 for the applicant, State licensee, or another person; 6 (2) fraudulently or deceptively uses a State license; 7 (3) transfers the authority granted by a State license to another person; 8 **(4)** engages in an unfair or deceptive trade practice, as defined in § 13–301 9 of the Commercial Law Article; 10 willfully or deliberately disregards and violates a building code, 11 electrical code, or law of the State or a local jurisdiction; 12(6) under the laws of the United States or of any state, is convicted of: 13 (i) a felony; or a misdemeanor that is directly related to the fitness and 14 15 qualification of the applicant or licensee to provide electrical services; 16 (7) aids or abets a person to evade a provision of this title; 17 willfully or deliberately disregards disciplinary action taken by a local (8)jurisdiction AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF 18 19 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES**; 20 (9)fails in a material respect to comply with a provision of this title; 21fails to train and control adequately a person who, while under the 22supervision of the State licensee, sells or estimates electrical work OR PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES: 23 24(11)fails to maintain a local license, IF REQUIRED, under § 6-601 of this 25title; [or] 26 fails to maintain the general liability and property damage insurance (12)required under § 6-604 of this title; 27
- 28 (13) OFFERS OR PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES OUTSIDE THE 29 SCOPE OF THE LICENSE HELD BY THE LICENSEE;

(14) PERMITS ANOTHER LICENSEE EMPLOYED BY THE INDIVIDUAL TO

- 1 PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S 2 LICENSE;
- 3 (15) WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION, FAILS TO PERFORM A CONTRACT OR 4 ABANDONS A PROJECT TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES;
- 5 (16) PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES THAT ARE INADEQUATE OR 6 INCOMPLETE, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT OR A PROJECT;
- 7 (17) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PUBLISHES AN ADVERTISEMENT 8 RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES THAT CONTAINS A 9 REPRESENTATION OR STATEMENT THAT IS FALSE, DECEPTIVE, OR MISLEADING;
- (18) CERTIFIES ON A LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION THAT THE
 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF LICENSE RENEWAL HAS BEEN
 COMPLETED IF THE LICENSEE HAS NOT FULLY COMPLETED THE CONTINUING
 EDUCATION REQUIREMENT AT THE TIME THE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION IS
 SUBMITTED;
- 15 (19) VIOLATES ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE; OR
- 16 (20) VIOLATES ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE.
- 17 (b) Allowing a State license to be used by another person is, in a disciplinary 18 proceeding under this section, prima facie evidence that a State licensee transferred the 19 authority granted by a State license to another person.
- 20 (c) The **STATE** 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:
- 24 (1) the nature of the crime;
- 25 (2) the relationship of the crime to the activities authorized by the license;
- 26 (3) with respect to a felony, the relevance of the conviction to the fitness 27 and qualification of the applicant or licensee to provide electrical services;
- 28 (4) the length of time since the conviction; and
- 29 (5) the behavior and activities of the applicant or licensee before and after 30 the conviction.
- 31 (D) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF A

- $1\quad LOCAL\ BOARD\ TO\ TAKE\ DISCIPLINARY\ ACTION\ AGAINST\ A\ REGISTRANT\ OR\ A\ PERMIT$
- 2 HOLDER IN THAT JURISDICTION UNDER § 6–103 OF THIS TITLE.
- 3 6–319.
- 4 (c) If [a State license is suspended,] the State Board, AFTER A HEARING, 5 SUSPENDS A LICENSE, THE STATE BOARD may allow the licensee to complete a contract to provide electrical services that is in progress and uncompleted at the time of suspension.
- 7 (d) (1) If a State license is revoked, the State Board may reinstate the State 8 license after **NOT LESS THAN** 1 year.
- 9 6-321.
- 10 (a) (2) When the State Board receives notice of a local disciplinary action 11 against a licensed [master] electrician, the State Board shall provide notice of the 12 disciplinary action to each local licensing jurisdiction.
- 13 (b) Each local licensing jurisdiction shall submit a report to the State Board on 14 the number of complaints against [master] electricians licensed in the local jurisdiction on 15 or before December 1 of each year.
- 16 6–401.

- 17 (a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual who holds a State 18 MASTER ELECTRICIAN license or qualifies for a State MASTER ELECTRICIAN license may 19 use the State license to:
- 20 (1) obtain a local license; and
- 21 (2) assign that local license to another person, including a sole 22 proprietorship, who engages in the business of providing electrical services.
- 23 (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.
- 28 (2) Subject to the limitations in this section, if an individual obtains a local license on the basis of a State MASTER ELECTRICIAN 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 MASTER ELECTRICIAN license,



- 1 (d) If an individual obtains a local license by the use of the State MASTER (1) 2 **ELECTRICIAN** license of the individual, the local license may be assigned at any 1 time to 3 only 1 person who engages in the business of providing electrical services. 4 (2)If at any time an individual holds 2 or more current local licenses that were obtained by the use of a State MASTER ELECTRICIAN license, the individual may 5 6 assign those local licenses only if the assignment is made to the same person. 7 6-601. 8 THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT HAS (A) 9 APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER LOCAL MASTER OR JOURNEYPERSON LICENSES UNDER § 6–103 OF THIS TITLE. 10 11 (B) Within 60 days after the issuance of a State license to an individual, the 12 individual shall hold a local license issued by the local jurisdiction where the individual: 13 resides: (1) 14 (2) has a principal business office; or 15 has a resident agent. (3)16 6-602.17 Subject to the limitations in this section, a local jurisdiction shall waive its 18 examination requirements for an individual who is licensed by the State Board to provide 19 electrical services [as a master electrician]. 20(b) A local jurisdiction shall grant a waiver under this section only if the 21applicant: 22(1) pays any license fee that the local jurisdiction requires; and 23(2)provides adequate evidence that the applicant: 24is licensed as [a master] AN electrician under this title [after 25passing an examination given by the State Board or complies with § 6–307 of this title]; 26 holds an active State license; and (ii) 27 in place of any bond requirement of a local jurisdiction, meets the insurance requirements of § 6–604 of this subtitle. 28
- 29 (c) Within 10 working days after payment of any local license fee, a local 30 jurisdiction shall issue a local license to each applicant who meets the requirements of this

- section.6–603.
- 3 (a) [A master] **AN** electrician may obtain an electrical permit or any other similar 4 permit from a local jurisdiction, if the [master] electrician:
- 5 (1) holds an active local license, if required, or a State license;
- 6 (2) shows proof of the State license; and
- 7 (3) pays any permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires.
- 8 (b) Before a local jurisdiction issues an electrical permit or similar permit to [a 9 master] AN 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.
- 12 (c) On payment of the permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires, the local 13 jurisdiction shall issue the appropriate permit to each applicant who meets the 14 requirements of this section.
- 15 6–604.
- 16 (a) This section does not apply to a State licensee on inactive status.
- 17 (b) A master electrician who is licensed by the State Board and provides electrical
 18 services, A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD
 19 AND PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES, or a person to whom [the] A master electrician
 20 LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD assigns a local license under this title shall:
- 21 (1) maintain general liability insurance in the amount of at least \$300,000;
- 22 (2) maintain property damage insurance in the amount of at least 23 \$100,000; and
- 24 (3) submit proof of the required insurance to the State Board.
- 25 **[**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.

30 **6-605**.

- 1 (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, A PERSON MAY NOT
- 2 EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL
- 3 SERVICES UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL:
- 4 (1) IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN;
- 5 (2) (I) IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A JOURNEYPERSON
- 6 ELECTRICIAN; AND
- 7 (II) PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL
- 8 SERVICES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE; OR
- 9 (3) WORKS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED MASTER
- 10 ELECTRICIAN OR A LICENSED JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN.
- 11 (B) AT LEAST ONE LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR JOURNEYPERSON
- 12 ELECTRICIAN SHALL BE PRESENT AT EACH JOB SITE IN WHICH ELECTRICAL
- 13 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED.
- 14 **6–606.**
- 15 (A) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN SHALL DISPLAY THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN'S
- 16 LICENSE AND THE LICENSE NUMBER CONSPICUOUSLY IN THE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF
- 17 BUSINESS OF THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN.
- 18 (B) A LICENSEE SHALL GIVE THE STATE BOARD WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY
- 19 CHANGE OF NAME, ADDRESS, OR EMPLOYMENT FROM WHAT APPEARS ON THE
- 20 CURRENT LICENSE AT LEAST 10 WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE CHANGE IS TO TAKE
- 21 EFFECT.
- 22 **6–607.**

- 23 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT:
- 24 (1) PROVIDE, ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE, OR OFFER TO PROVIDE
- 25 ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION IN THE STATE WITHOUT AN
- 26 APPROPRIATE LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE;
- 27 (2) ASSIST, ATTEMPT TO ASSIST, OR OFFER TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING
- 28 ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION IN THE STATE WITHOUT AN
- 29 APPROPRIATE LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE;
 - (3) PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION WITHOUT

- 1 OBTAINING A PERMIT FOR SUCH SERVICES IF REQUIRED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION;
- 2 **OR**
- 3 (4) PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE
- 4 LICENSE ISSUED TO THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER THIS TITLE.
- 5 **6–608**.
- 6 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "OFFICER" INCLUDES A SUPERINTENDENT, A
- 7 MANAGER, OR AN AGENT OF A BUSINESS ENTITY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE
- 8 BUSINESS ENTITY ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL
- 9 SERVICES.
- 10 (B) ANY PERSON, INCLUDING AN OFFICER, WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION
- 11 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT
- 12 **TO**:
- 13 (1) ON A FIRST CONVICTION, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000; AND
- 14 (2) ON A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, A FINE NOT
- 15 EXCEEDING \$5,000.
- 16 (C) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES § 6–604 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A
- 17 MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.
- 18 (D) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER THIS
- 19 TITLE, THE STATE BOARD MAY IMPOSE ON A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY
- 20 PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 FOR EACH
- 21 VIOLATION.
- 22 (2) IN DETERMINING THE PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)
- 23 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER:
- 24 (I) THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION;
- 25 (II) THE GOOD FAITH OF THE VIOLATOR;
- 26 (III) ANY PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS BY THE VIOLATOR;
- 27 (IV) THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF THE VIOLATION; AND
- 28 (V) ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.
- 29 (E) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY PENALTY COLLECTED UNDER

1 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

- 2 6–701.
- This title may be cited as the "Maryland [Master] Electricians Act".
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Electricians shall provide notice to each local board in the State of the provisions of this Act and the effect this Act will have on electricians licensed by local boards, including information regarding how electricians with local licenses may obtain licenses issued by the Board.
- 9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 10 1, 2019.