

# SENATE BILL 762

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By: **Senator McCray**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the powers and duties of the State Board of Master  
4 Electricians; changing the name of the State Board of Master Electricians to the  
5 State Board of Electricians; requiring the Department, on or before a certain date,  
6 to adopt regulations necessary for the regulation and licensing of low-voltage  
7 electricians if certain legislation is not enacted on or before a certain date;  
8 prohibiting, beginning on a certain date, local jurisdictions from issuing certain  
9 licenses; replacing local electrician licenses with local electrician registrations;  
10 authorizing local jurisdictions that issued certain licenses before a certain date to  
11 issue registrations under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain local  
12 jurisdiction, beginning on a certain date, from registering a master-level,  
13 journeyperson-level, or apprentice-level electrician unless it administers certain  
14 examinations and registers certain information with the State Board; requiring  
15 certain local jurisdictions to report certain information to the Department on or  
16 before a certain date each year; allowing a local jurisdiction to take certain actions  
17 against certain licensees under certain circumstances; requiring certain local  
18 jurisdictions to administer a certain examination in a certain manner; requiring each  
19 county and each municipal corporation to enforce certain provisions of law and adopt  
20 certain regulations or require certain State licenses under certain circumstances;  
21 altering certain licensing and examination requirements; repealing a certain  
22 provision of law stating that certain provisions of law do not require certain  
23 individuals to hold a State license; altering certain reciprocity requirements for  
24 certain individuals authorized to provide electrical services in other states;  
25 establishing certain continuing education requirements; authorizing the State Board  
26 to waive certain examination requirements and certain experience requirements for  
27 certain licensees in certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which  
28 the State Board may deny a license to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, or suspend  
29 or revoke a license; authorizing the State Board to set certain fees; providing for the  
30 construction of a certain provision of law; requiring a master electrician to display  
31 certain information in a certain manner; requiring a licensee to give the State Board

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 certain notice of a change in certain information; prohibiting a person from taking  
 2 certain actions without a license; establishing certain penalties for certain violations;  
 3 requiring the State Board to provide a certain notice to each local board in the State;  
 4 altering certain definitions; defining certain terms; making stylistic and conforming  
 5 changes; and generally relating to the State Board of Electricians and the licensing  
 6 and regulation of electricians.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 8 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
 9 Section 6–101 through 6–103; 6–201, 6–202(h)(2), and 6–205 to be under the  
 10 amended subtitle “Subtitle 2. State Board of Electricians”; 6–301, 6–302  
 11 through 6–306, 6–307, 6–308, 6–310(c)(4) and (e), 6–311(b)(2) and (3), (c), and  
 12 (d)(1), 6–312, 6–315, 6–316, 6–319(c) and (d)(1), 6–321(a)(2) and (b), 6–401  
 13 through 6–603, 6–604(b), and 6–701  
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
 17 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
 18 Section 6–104, 6–307.1, and 6–605 through 6–608  
 19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 20 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

21 BY repealing  
 22 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
 23 Section 6–605  
 24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 25 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

28 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

29 6–101.

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

31 (b) (1) “Assignment of local [license] **REGISTRATION**” means any procedure  
 32 by which a licensee **OR REGISTRANT** grants to another person a right to use a local  
 33 [license] **REGISTRATION** to enable that person to engage in the business of providing  
 34 electrical services.

35 (2) “Assignment of local [license] **REGISTRATION**” includes any  
 36 procedure by which:

37 (i) a licensee **OR REGISTRANT** agrees to be the representative of

1 another person; and

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

4 (c) “Engage in the business of providing electrical services” means to engage in  
5 providing electrical services for compensation.

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

9 (2) **“LICENSE” INCLUDES, UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES**  
10 **OTHERWISE:**

11 (I) **A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE; AND**

12 (II) **A JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN LICENSE.**

13 (E) **“LICENSED APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN” MEANS, UNLESS THE CONTEXT**  
14 **REQUIRES OTHERWISE, AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD**  
15 **TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES WHILE:**

16 (1) **UNDER THE DIRECTION OR CONTROL OF A LICENSED MASTER**  
17 **ELECTRICIAN; AND**

18 (2) **IN TRAINING TO BECOME A JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN.**

19 (F) **“LICENSED JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN” MEANS, UNLESS THE**  
20 **CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE**  
21 **BOARD TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES WHILE:**

22 (1) **UNDER THE DIRECTION OR CONTROL OF A LICENSED MASTER**  
23 **ELECTRICIAN; AND**

24 (2) **IN TRAINING TO BECOME A MASTER ELECTRICIAN.**

25 [(e)] (G) “Licensed master electrician” means, unless the context requires  
26 otherwise, a master electrician who is licensed by the State Board [or a local jurisdiction]  
27 to provide electrical services.

28 [(f)] (H) “Local board” means a board that a local jurisdiction of the State creates  
29 to regulate any aspect of the electrical trade.

30 [(g)] (I) “Local [license] **REGISTRATION**” means, unless the context requires

1 otherwise, a [license] **REGISTRATION** that is issued by a local board to provide electrical  
2 services [as a master electrician].

3 **[(h)] (J)** “Master electrician” means an individual who has the experience,  
4 knowledge, and skill to provide electrical services in all aspects of the electrical trade, in a  
5 manner that complies with applicable plans, specifications, codes, or law.

6 **[(i)] (K)** (1) “Provide electrical services” means to provide any service in the  
7 electrical trade.

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

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

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

14 **[(j)] (L)** “State Board” means the State Board of [Master] Electricians.

15 **[(k)] (M)** “State license” means a license that is issued by the State Board to [a  
16 master] **AN** electrician.

17 6–102.

18 The [policy of the State] **PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE** is to [regulate, throughout the  
19 State, those persons who provide electrical services or engage in the business of providing]  
20 **ESTABLISH A LICENSING PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN**  
21 **PROVIDING** electrical services, **IN ORDER** to safeguard the life, health, property, and  
22 public welfare of the citizens of the State.

23 6–103.

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

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

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

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

31 (2) to require a person who engages in the business of providing electrical

1 services to submit any plan or specification for approval before the electrical services are  
2 provided;

3 (3) to establish a local board TO:

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

5 (II) TAKE ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXCEPT FOR  
6 REVOCATION OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD, AGAINST THE HOLDER  
7 OF A LOCAL REGISTRATION OR THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL PERMIT WHO VIOLATES  
8 ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY LOCAL LAW; AND

9 (III) REPORT ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY TO THE STATE  
10 BOARD;

11 (4) except as provided in §§ 6–504 and 6–602 of this title AND SUBJECT  
12 TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, to require an examination before issuing a  
13 license to provide electrical services within the local jurisdiction; or

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

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

16 (ii) issuance and renewal of the license; or

17 (iii) an inspection.

18 (b) If a local jurisdiction licenses any class of electricians other than master  
19 electricians, **JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIANS, OR APPRENTICE ELECTRICIANS**, that  
20 class is also under the control and supervision of the local board.

21 (C) (1) **BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY NOT ISSUE**  
22 **LICENSES FOR APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPerson, OR MASTER ELECTRICIANS.**

23 (2) **A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT LICENSED APPRENTICE–LEVEL,**  
24 **JOURNEYPerson–LEVEL, OR MASTER–LEVEL ELECTRICIANS BEFORE JULY 1, 2021,**  
25 **MAY CONTINUE TO REGISTER THE ELECTRICIANS ACCORDING TO THE SAME RULES**  
26 **AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSES ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, IF THE LOCAL**  
27 **JURISDICTION COMPLIES WITH SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

28 (3) **A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT DID NOT LICENSE**  
29 **APPRENTICE–LEVEL, JOURNEYPerson–LEVEL, OR MASTER–LEVEL ELECTRICIANS**  
30 **BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, MAY CHOOSE TO REGISTER APPRENTICE–LEVEL,**  
31 **JOURNEYPerson–LEVEL, OR MASTER–LEVEL ELECTRICIANS IF IT COMPLIES WITH**  
32 **SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

1 (D) IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION CHOOSES TO REGISTER APPRENTICE-LEVEL,  
 2 JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL, OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS UNDER SUBSECTION  
 3 (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL ADMINISTER THE SAME  
 4 EXAMINATION AS THE STATE BOARD AS PROVIDED UNDER § 6-306 OF THIS TITLE.

5 (E) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EACH YEAR  
 6 THEREAFTER, A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT REGISTERS APPRENTICE-LEVEL,  
 7 JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL, OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS SHALL REPORT TO  
 8 THE DEPARTMENT:

9 (1) EACH APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN REGISTRATION ISSUED IN THE  
 10 PREVIOUS YEAR;

11 (2) EACH JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN REGISTRATION ISSUED IN  
 12 THE PREVIOUS YEAR;

13 (3) EACH MASTER ELECTRICIAN REGISTRATION ISSUED IN THE  
 14 PREVIOUS YEAR;

15 (4) EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT FOR A JOURNEYPerson  
 16 ELECTRICIAN EXAMINATION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR;

17 (5) EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN  
 18 EXAMINATION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR; AND

19 (6) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES.

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

24 6-104.

25 IF THE STATE HAS NOT ENACTED LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A LICENSING  
 26 PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING LOW-VOLTAGE  
 27 ELECTRICAL SERVICES ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, ON  
 28 OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE  
 29 REGULATION AND LICENSING OF LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIANS.

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

31 6-201.

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

2   6–202.

3           (h)   (2)   Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection and subject to  
4 paragraph (4) of this subsection, a member shall be considered to have resigned if the  
5 member did not attend at least two–thirds of the **STATE** Board meetings held during any  
6 consecutive 12–month period while the member was serving on the **STATE** Board.

7   6–205.

8           **(A)**   In addition to any powers and duties set forth elsewhere, the State Board  
9 shall:

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

12           (2)   adopt regulations to establish:

13                   (i)   application and examination fees;

14                   (ii)  continuing education requirements; and

15                   (iii) application deadlines;

16           **(3)  ENFORCE, WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF ISSUANCE, MINIMUM**  
17 **STANDARDS FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH THE**  
18 **MOST RECENTLY ISSUED VERSION OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION**  
19 **ASSOCIATION 70: NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE;**

20           **(4)  ISSUE LICENSES;**

21           **(5)  KEEP RECORDS OF ITS PROCEEDINGS; AND**

22           **(6)  ADOPT ANY OTHER REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT**  
23 **THIS TITLE.**

24           **(B)  THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER THIS**  
25 **SECTION SHALL:**

26                   **(1)  BE BASED ON THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE OR ANY LOCAL**  
27 **VARIANTS ADOPTED BY A LOCAL BOARD;**

28                   **(2)  CONSIST OF A COURSE OR TRAINING ON PRACTICAL TECHNIQUES,**

1 INSTALLATION PROCEDURES, OR OTHER RELEVANT TOPICS; AND

2 (3) BE ADMINISTERED BY:

3 (I) A COLLEGE OR AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPROVED  
4 BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE FEDERAL  
5 OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP;

6 (II) A STATE OR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TRAINING  
7 PROGRAM; OR

8 (III) ANOTHER PERSON APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.

9 6-301.

10 (a) Each county shall:

11 (1) (I) adopt regulations that have qualifications [comparable to] THAT  
12 ARE AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THE QUALIFICATIONS UNDER § 6-304 of this subtitle,  
13 to provide for the [licensing and] regulation AND REGISTRATION of master electricians,  
14 JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIANS, OR APPRENTICE ELECTRICIANS; AND

15 (II) REGISTER APPRENTICE ELECTRICIANS, JOURNEYPerson  
16 ELECTRICIANS, OR MASTER ELECTRICIANS IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED UNDER §  
17 6-103 OF THIS TITLE; or

18 (2) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as a  
19 master electrician, JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN, OR APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN;  
20 and

21 (ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

22 (b) Each municipal corporation shall:

23 (1) (I) adopt regulations that have qualifications [comparable to, or  
24 more stringent than,] THAT ARE AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THE QUALIFICATIONS  
25 UNDER § 6-304 of this subtitle to provide for the [licensing and] regulation AND  
26 REGISTRATION of APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPerson, OR master electricians; AND

27 (II) REGISTER APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN, JOURNEYPerson  
28 ELECTRICIAN, OR MASTER ELECTRICIAN REGISTRATIONS IN THE MANNER  
29 PRESCRIBED UNDER § 6-103 OF THIS TITLE;

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



1 (3) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as [a] AN  
2 APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPERSON, OR master electrician; and

3 (ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

4 (c) Each licensed OR REGISTERED master electrician shall display the State  
5 license number [or], the county [license] REGISTRATION number [of the licensee], OR THE  
6 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION REGISTRATION NUMBER on each vehicle used on the job for  
7 providing electrical services.

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

12 6–302.

13 (a) In a local jurisdiction that requires [a] local [license] REGISTRATION AND  
14 HAS QUALIFIED TO REGISTER ELECTRICIANS LOCALLY UNDER § 6–103 OF THIS  
15 TITLE, the State license, while the State license is in effect, serves only as a mechanism  
16 that helps a licensee in obtaining a local [license] REGISTRATION under §§ 6–601 and  
17 6–602 of this title.

18 (b) If a county or municipal corporation does not require [a] local [license]  
19 REGISTRATION, the State license, while the State license is in effect, authorizes the  
20 licensee to:

21 (1) provide electrical services [as a master electrician]; or

22 (2) be the representative of another person who engages in the business of  
23 providing electrical services.

24 6–303.

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

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

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

32 (b)] This subtitle does not require:

1 (1) a public utility company to employ [a master electrician] AN  
2 **ELECTRICIAN LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD** to represent the company while the  
3 company is engaging in the business of providing electrical services to a facility of the  
4 company that:

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

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

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

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

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

13 **(3) A PERSON TO HOLD A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD IF**  
14 **THE PERSON:**

15 **(I) IS LICENSED OR REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 18 OF THIS**  
16 **ARTICLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY SYSTEM SERVICES AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE**  
17 **SCOPE OF THAT LICENSE;**

18 **(II) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 12 OF THIS**  
19 **ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT LICENSE;**

20 **(III) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 9A OF THE**  
21 **BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT**  
22 **LICENSE; OR**

23 **(IV) PROVIDES WIRELESS SECURITY SYSTEMS IN COMPLIANCE**  
24 **WITH TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 9 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.**

25 6-304.

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

28 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, [the] AN applicant **FOR A**  
29 **MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE** shall have been engaged or employed regularly and  
30 principally in providing electrical services for all types of electrical equipment and  
31 [apparatus] **APPARATUSES** for at least 7 years while under the direction and supervision

1 of:

2 (i) a master electrician; or

3 (ii) a similarly qualified employee of a governmental unit.

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

8 **(C) AN APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE SHALL**  
9 **HAVE BEEN ENGAGED OR EMPLOYED REGULARLY AND PRINCIPALLY IN PROVIDING**  
10 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR ALL TYPES OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND**  
11 **APPARATUSES FOR AT LEAST 4 YEARS WHILE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND**  
12 **SUPERVISION OF:**

13 **(1) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN; OR**

14 **(2) AN EMPLOYEE OF A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT WHO IS SIMILARLY**  
15 **QUALIFIED AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSED UNDER THIS TITLE.**

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

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

20 6–305.

21 An applicant for a State license shall:

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

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

27 6–306.

28 (a) Except as otherwise provided in § 6–306.1 of this subtitle, an applicant who  
29 otherwise qualifies for a State license is entitled to be examined as provided in this section.

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

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

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

5 (d) (1) The State Board shall determine the subjects [and], scope, **AND,**  
6 **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, FORM** of the examination from a list of  
7 questions submitted by the Maryland Uniform Electrical Licensing Examination  
8 Committee, Inc.

9 (2) The State Board shall choose examination questions that:

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

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

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

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

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

18 **(G) AN APPLICANT SHALL PAY TO THE STATE BOARD OR THE STATE**  
19 **BOARD'S DESIGNEE AN EXAMINATION FEE SET BY THE STATE BOARD NOT TO**  
20 **EXCEED THE COST OF THE REQUIRED EXAMINATION.**

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

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

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

28 (2) The applicant:

29 (i) shall submit to the State Board an application for reexamination  
30 on the form that the State Board provides; and

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

4 6–307.

5 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, the State Board shall waive [the]  
6 examination requirements of this [subtitle] TITLE for an individual who holds [a] AN  
7 ACTIVE local [license] REGISTRATION.

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

9 (1) pays the application fee established by the State Board under [§ 6–205]  
10 § 6–305 of this [title] SUBTITLE;

11 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

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

13 (ii) [is] WAS licensed in a local jurisdiction BEFORE DECEMBER 31,  
14 2022, after:

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

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

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

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

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

23 (iii) the date of the local examination.

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

26 6–307.1.

27 THE STATE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN  
28 APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN LICENSE IF THE APPLICANT:

1           **(1) (I) PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF OF 3 YEARS OF WORK**  
2 **EXPERIENCE PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL AND**  
3 **DIRECTION OF A MASTER ELECTRICIAN; AND**

4           **(II) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO THE STATE**  
5 **BOARD ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2022; OR**

6           **(2) PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HAS**  
7 **SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN ELECTRICIAN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**  
8 **APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE**  
9 **FEDERAL OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP THAT CONSISTS OF:**

10           **(I) AT LEAST 576 CLASSROOM HOURS; AND**

11           **(II) 8,000 HOURS OF WORK EXPERIENCE.**

12 6–308.

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

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

19           (1) pays the appropriate application fee set by the **STATE** Board under [§  
20 6–205(2)] **§ 6–305** of this [title] **SUBTITLE**; and

21           (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

22           (i) meets the qualifications otherwise required by this [subtitle]  
23 **TITLE**;

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

25           (iii) holds a license that is equivalent to the [State] license **ISSUED**  
26 **BY THE STATE BOARD**; [and]

27           (iv) **FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE APPLICANT**, meets a  
28 7–year experience requirement in providing electrical services, at least 4 years of which  
29 must have been gained prior to licensure in the other state, while under the supervision of  
30 a master electrician or similarly qualified employee of a governmental unit;

31           **(V) FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE**

1 APPLICANT, MEETS A 4-YEAR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT IN PROVIDING  
2 ELECTRICAL SERVICES, AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN GAINED  
3 PRIOR TO LICENSURE IN THE OTHER STATE, WHILE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A  
4 MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR SIMILARLY QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE OF A GOVERNMENTAL  
5 UNIT; AND

6 (VI) WAS LICENSED IN THE OTHER STATE BY EXAMINATION,  
7 AFTER MEETING REQUIREMENTS IN THAT STATE THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY  
8 EQUIVALENT TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE.

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

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

16 (D) THE STATE BOARD MAY NOT GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION TO  
17 AN APPLICANT WHO IS LICENSED SOLELY IN A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED  
18 STATES.

19 (E) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PURSUE A POLICY OF RECIPROCAL  
20 RECOGNITION OF ELECTRICIAN LICENSES AWARDED IN OTHER STATES.

21 6-310.

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

24 (4) submits to the State Board a renewal application on the form that the  
25 State Board provides AND ADEQUATE EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF THE  
26 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL ESTABLISHED BY  
27 THE STATE BOARD.

28 (e) A State license to provide OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING electrical services is not  
29 transferable.

30 6-311.

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

33 (2) pays to the State Board an inactive status application fee [of an amount

1 equal to the State license fee under § 6–309 of this subtitle] **SET BY THE STATE BOARD;**  
2 and

3 (3) except for the **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF §**  
4 **6–310(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE** insurance requirements of § 6–604 of this title,  
5 qualifies for an active State license.

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

9 (2) In a county that requires a State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license, a  
10 licensee on inactive status may not provide electrical services as a master electrician.

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

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

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

18 6–312.

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

22 (1) applies to the State Board for reinstatement within 2 years after the  
23 State license expires;

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

25 (3) in addition to the renewal fee required under § 6–310 of this subtitle,  
26 pays to the State Board a reinstatement fee set by the State Board.

27 (b) If [a master electrician] **AN INDIVIDUAL** who has failed to renew the State  
28 license for any reason applies for reinstatement more than 2 years after the State license  
29 has expired, the State Board shall require the [master electrician] **INDIVIDUAL** to pay a  
30 reinstatement fee set by the State Board, and comply with the requirements for obtaining  
31 a State license under §§ 6–304 and 6–307 of this subtitle and § 6–503 of this title.

32 6–315.



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

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

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

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

9 6–316.

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

13 (1) fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a State license  
14 for the applicant, State licensee, or another person;

15 (2) fraudulently or deceptively uses a State license;

16 (3) transfers the authority granted by a State license to another person;

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

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

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

22 (i) a felony; or

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

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

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

29 (9) fails in a material respect to comply with a provision of this title;

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

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

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

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

10 **(14) PERMITS ANOTHER LICENSEE EMPLOYED BY THE INDIVIDUAL TO**  
11 **PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL’S**  
12 **LICENSE;**

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

15 **(16) PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES THAT ARE INADEQUATE OR**  
16 **INCOMPLETE, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT OR A PROJECT;**

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

20 **(18) CERTIFIES ON A LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION THAT THE**  
21 **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF LICENSE RENEWAL HAS BEEN**  
22 **COMPLETED IF THE LICENSEE HAS NOT FULLY COMPLETED THE CONTINUING**  
23 **EDUCATION REQUIREMENT AT THE TIME THE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION IS**  
24 **SUBMITTED;**

25 **(19) VIOLATES ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE; OR**

26 **(20) VIOLATES ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE.**

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

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

1 (1) the nature of the crime;

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

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

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

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

9 (D) **THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF A**  
10 **LOCAL BOARD TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL**  
11 **REGISTRATION OR THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL PERMIT IN THAT JURISDICTION UNDER**  
12 **§ 6-103 OF THIS TITLE.**

13 6-319.

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

17 (d) (1) If a State license is revoked, the State Board may reinstate the State  
18 license after **NOT LESS THAN** 1 year.

19 6-321.

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

23 (b) Each local [licensing] jurisdiction **THAT REGISTERS ELECTRICIANS UNDER**  
24 **§ 6-603 OF THIS TITLE** shall submit a report to the State Board on the number of  
25 complaints against [master] electricians [licensed] **REGISTERED** in the local jurisdiction  
26 on or before December 1 of each year.

27 6-401.

28 (a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual who holds a State  
29 **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license or qualifies for a State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license may  
30 use the State license to:

31 (1) obtain a local [license] **REGISTRATION**; and

1           (2) assign that local [license] **REGISTRATION** to another person, **IF**  
2 **AUTHORIZED BY THAT LOCAL JURISDICTION**, including a sole proprietorship, who  
3 engages in the business of providing electrical services.

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

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

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

17                   (i) meet the requirements for issuance of a State license under §  
18 6–309 of this title;

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

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

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

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

27                   (i) meet the requirements for issuance of a State license under §  
28 6–309 of this title;

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

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

33                   (iv) submit to the State Board proof of general liability and property

1 damage insurance, **IF APPLICABLE**, as required under § 6–604 of this title.

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

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

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

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

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

12 (v) return the State license.

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

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

21 6–402.

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

26 (b) To change an assignment of a local [license] **REGISTRATION**, an applicant  
27 shall:

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

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

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

1 (4) return the State license to the State Board.

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

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

7 6–501.

8 (A) In this subtitle[,] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
9 **INDICATED.**

10 (B) (1) [“reciprocal] **“RECIPROCAL license”**[:

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

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

14 (2) **“RECIPROCAL LICENSE” INCLUDES ANY TYPE OR CLASS OF**  
15 **LICENSE THAT THE STATE BOARD ISSUES TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES.**

16 [(ii)] (C) (1) **“RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION” MEANS**  
17 **REGISTRATION WITH** a local jurisdiction on the basis of [a license issued by]:

18 [1.] (I) **A LICENSE ISSUED BY** the State Board; or

19 [2.] (II) **A REGISTRATION WITH** another local jurisdiction[:  
20 and]

21 (2) **“RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION”** includes any type or class of [license  
22 that the State Board or] **REGISTRATION WITH** a local jurisdiction [issues] to provide  
23 electrical services.

24 6–502.

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

28 (b) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, each local jurisdiction may  
29 reciprocate with the State Board or another local jurisdiction to waive any local

1 examination requirement and the qualifications required for taking a local examination for  
2 an applicant for a reciprocal [license] **REGISTRATION**.

3 6–503.

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

6 (1) [holds a license from] **IS REGISTERED WITH** a local jurisdiction of the  
7 State to provide electrical services in the local jurisdiction;

8 (2) applies for a reciprocal license of the same class or type **AS THE**  
9 **APPLICANT’S LOCAL REGISTRATION** that the State Board issues; and

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

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

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

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

17 (1) [holds a license, from] **IS REGISTERED WITH** a local jurisdiction of the  
18 State, [of the] **TO PROVIDE THE** same class or type **OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES** as **THOSE**  
19 **PERMITTED BY** the license for which the applicant is seeking a waiver; and

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

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

23 (1) (i) 1. qualified for the [license] **REGISTRATION** by passing an  
24 examination given in the local jurisdiction; and

25 2. has [held the license] **BEEN REGISTERED** for at least 1  
26 year immediately before the date of application; or

27 (ii) 1. qualified for the [license] **REGISTRATION** other than by  
28 passing an examination in the local jurisdiction; and

29 2. has [held the license] **BEEN REGISTERED** for at least 2  
30 years immediately before the date of application;

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

2 (i) if the [license is issued] **REGISTRATION WAS EARNED** on the  
3 basis of an examination, the date of [issuance of the license] **REGISTRATION**; and

4 (ii) the [licensee] **REGISTRANT**:

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

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

8 (3) pays any reciprocal license fee set by the State Board;

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

11 (5) complies with any other licensing requirements of the State Board.

12 6-504.

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

15 (1) is [licensed by] **REGISTERED WITH** another local jurisdiction of the  
16 State to provide electrical services in that local jurisdiction;

17 (2) applies for a reciprocal [license of] **REGISTRATION TO PROVIDE** the  
18 same class or type **OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES** as [the license that] **THOSE PERMITTED**  
19 **BY THE REGISTRATION** the individual holds in that local jurisdiction; and

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

21 (i) a [license] **REGISTRATION** of the same class or type suspended  
22 or revoked by a local jurisdiction of the State; or

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

25 (b) A local jurisdiction of the State that [issues a license] **REGISTERS**  
26 **INDIVIDUALS** to provide electrical services shall waive any of the [licensing]  
27 **REGISTRATION** qualifications of the local jurisdiction for an individual who:

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

29 (ii) meets the legal requirements of the State for establishing a



1 principal place of business in the State;

2 (2) [holds a license, from] **IS REGISTERED WITH** another local jurisdiction  
3 of the State[,] **TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES** of the same class or type as [the  
4 license] **THOSE PERMITTED BY THE REGISTRATION** for which the applicant is seeking a  
5 waiver; and

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

7 (c) A local jurisdiction shall grant a waiver under this section for an applicant  
8 who [holds a license from] **IS REGISTERED WITH** another local jurisdiction only if the  
9 applicant:

10 (1) (i) 1. qualified for the [license] **REGISTRATION** by passing an  
11 examination given in that local jurisdiction; and

12 2. has [held the license] **BEEN REGISTERED** for at least 1  
13 year immediately before the date of application; or

14 (ii) 1. qualified for [the license] **THE REGISTRATION** other than  
15 by passing an examination in that local jurisdiction; and

16 2. has [held the license] **BEEN REGISTERED** for at least 2  
17 years immediately before the date of application;

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

19 (i) if [a license is issued] **A REGISTRATION WAS EARNED** on the  
20 basis of an examination, the date of [issuance of the license] **REGISTRATION**; and

21 (ii) the [licensee] **REGISTRANT**:

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

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

25 (3) pays any reciprocal [license] **REGISTRATION** fee required by the local  
26 jurisdiction;

27 (4) if required:

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

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

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

3 6–505.

4 (a) Before a reciprocal license **OR A RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION** expires, the  
5 licensee **OR REGISTRANT** periodically may renew it for an additional term, if the licensee  
6 **OR REGISTRANT**:

7 (1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed **OR REGISTERED**;

8 (2) pays a renewal fee to:

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

10 (ii) the local jurisdiction from which the reciprocal [license]  
11 **REGISTRATION** is sought; and

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

13 (i) the State Board; or

14 (ii) the local jurisdiction from which the reciprocal [license]  
15 **REGISTRATION** is sought.

16 (b) A reciprocal license **OR RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION** issued to an individual  
17 who has failed to renew the license **OR REGISTRATION** may not be reinstated.

18 (c) A reciprocal license **OR A RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION** issued under this  
19 subtitle is not transferable.

20 6–506.

21 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, an individual who holds a reciprocal  
22 license **OR A RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION** may assign it to a person who engages in the  
23 business of providing electrical services if the individual is employed principally by the  
24 person.

25 (b) An individual may reassign the reciprocal license **OR RECIPROCAL**  
26 **REGISTRATION** of the individual once in a fiscal year.

27 6–601.

28 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT HAS**  
29 **APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER LOCAL MASTER OR**

1 **JOURNEYPERSON REGISTRATION UNDER § 6-103 OF THIS TITLE.**

2 (B) Within 60 days after the issuance of a State license to an individual, the  
3 individual shall [hold a local license issued by] **REGISTER LOCALLY WITH** the local  
4 jurisdiction where the individual:

- 5 (1) resides;
- 6 (2) has a principal business office; or
- 7 (3) has a resident agent.

8 6-602.

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

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

14 (1) pays any [license] **REGISTRATION** fee that the local jurisdiction  
15 requires; and

16 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

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

19 (ii) holds an active State license; and

20 (iii) in place of any bond requirement of a local jurisdiction, meets the  
21 insurance requirements of § 6-604 of this subtitle.

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

25 6-603.

26 (a) [A master] **AN** electrician may obtain an electrical permit or any other similar  
27 permit from a local jurisdiction, if the [master] electrician:

28 (1) [holds an active local license] **IS ACTIVELY REGISTERED LOCALLY**, if  
29 required, or **HOLDS** a State license;

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

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

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

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

10 6-604.

11 (b) A master electrician who is licensed by the State Board and provides electrical  
12 services or a person to whom [the] A master electrician **LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD**  
13 assigns a local [license] **REGISTRATION** under this title shall:

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

15 (2) maintain property damage insurance in the amount of at least  
16 \$100,000; and

17 (3) submit proof of the required insurance to the State Board.

18 [6-605.

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

23 **6-605.**

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

28 (1) **IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN;**

29 (2) (I) **IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A JOURNEYPERSON**  
30 **ELECTRICIAN; AND**

1 (II) PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL  
2 SERVICES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE; OR

3 (3) (I) IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS AN APPRENTICE  
4 ELECTRICIAN; AND

5 (II) PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL  
6 SERVICES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE.

7 (B) AT LEAST ONE LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR JOURNEYPERSON  
8 ELECTRICIAN SHALL BE PRESENT AT EACH JOB SITE IN WHICH ELECTRICAL  
9 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED.

10 **6-606.**

11 (A) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN SHALL DISPLAY THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN'S  
12 LICENSE AND THE LICENSE NUMBER CONSPICUOUSLY IN THE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF  
13 BUSINESS OF THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN.

14 (B) EACH ELECTRICIAN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE NAME OF A PERSON WHO  
15 ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES SHALL CONTAIN  
16 THE LICENSE NUMBER AND NAME OF A MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR HOLDER OF A  
17 JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE WHOM THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN  
18 EMPLOYS AND DESIGNATES TO DIRECT AND CONTROL THE PROVISION OF  
19 ELECTRICAL SERVICES THROUGH THE BUSINESS OF THE PERSON.

20 (C) A LICENSEE SHALL GIVE THE STATE BOARD WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY  
21 CHANGE OF NAME, ADDRESS, OR EMPLOYMENT FROM WHAT APPEARS ON THE  
22 CURRENT LICENSE AT LEAST 10 WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE CHANGE IS TO TAKE  
23 EFFECT.

24 **6-607.**

25 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT:

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

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

32 (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.

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

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of  
5 Electricians shall provide notice to each local board in the State of the provisions of this Act  
6 and the effect this Act will have on electricians licensed by local boards, including  
7 information regarding how electricians with local licenses may obtain licenses issued by  
8 the State Board.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2021.