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By: **Delegate Hornberger**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the State Board of Electricians credit an applicant's work
4 as part of certain apprenticeships for the experience required for certain electrician
5 licenses; requiring the State Board to waive the examination requirements for
6 certain applicants for a journeyman electrician license; adjusting the number of
7 years an applicant for journeyman electrician must work under a certain
8 circumstance; providing for the delayed issuance of an electrical permit; providing
9 that certain proof is sufficient to establish that certain applicants have insurance
10 coverage; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to examine certain
11 memoranda of understanding; requiring the Department to attempt to renegotiate
12 certain memoranda of understanding in certain circumstances; requiring the
13 Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on certain
14 memoranda of understanding; and generally relating to the licensure of electricians
15 in the State.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
18 Section 6–304, 6–307.1, 6–603, and 6–604
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

24 6–304.

25 (a) To qualify for a State license, an applicant shall meet the requirements of this
26 section.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, an applicant for a master
2 electrician license shall have been engaged or employed regularly and principally in
3 providing electrical services for all types of electrical equipment and apparatuses for at
4 least 7 years while under the direction and supervision of:

5 (i) a master electrician; or

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

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

11 (II) **THE STATE BOARD SHALL CREDIT TOWARD THE**
12 **EXPERIENCE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AN**
13 **APPLICANT'S WORK AS PART OF A SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ELECTRICIAN**
14 **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND**
15 **TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP.**

16 (c) (1) **[An] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN**
17 applicant for a journeyman electrician license shall have been engaged or employed
18 regularly and principally in providing electrical services for all types of electrical equipment
19 and apparatuses for at least 4 years while under the direction and supervision of:

20 **[(1)] (I)** a master electrician; or

21 **[(2)] (II)** an employee of a governmental unit who is similarly qualified as
22 a master electrician licensed under this title.

23 (2) **THE STATE BOARD SHALL CREDIT TOWARD THE EXPERIENCE**
24 **REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AN APPLICANT'S WORK AS**
25 **PART OF A SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ELECTRICIAN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**
26 **APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE**
27 **FEDERAL OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP.**

28 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the applicant shall pass an
29 examination given by the State Board under this subtitle.

30 (e) The State Board may investigate the qualifications of each applicant to
31 determine whether the applicant meets the requirements of this section.

32 6-307.1.

1 The State Board shall waive the experience **AND EXAMINATION** requirements for
2 an applicant for a journeyman electrician license if the applicant:

3 (1) (i) provides written proof of **[3]** 4 years of work experience providing
4 electrical services under the control and direction of a master electrician; and

5 (ii) submits an application for a license to the State Board on or
6 before December 31, 2022; or

7 (2) provides written proof that the applicant has successfully completed an
8 electrician apprenticeship program approved by the Maryland Apprenticeship and
9 Training Council or the federal Office of Apprenticeship that consists of:

10 (i) at least 576 classroom hours; and

11 (ii) 8,000 hours of work experience.

12 6-603.

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

15 (1) is actively registered locally, if required, or holds a State license;

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

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

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

22 (c) **(1) [On] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
23 **SUBSECTION, ON** payment of the permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires, the local
24 jurisdiction shall issue the appropriate permit to each applicant who meets the
25 requirements of this section.

26 **(2) IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION REQUIRES THE ISSUANCE OF AN**
27 **ADDITIONAL PERMIT, INCLUDING A BUILDING PERMIT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN**
28 **ELECTRICAL PERMIT FOR A PARTICULAR JOB, THE LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY**
29 **DELAY THE ISSUANCE OF THE ELECTRICAL PERMIT UNTIL THE ADDITIONAL PERMIT**
30 **HAS BEEN ISSUED.**

31 6-604.

1 (a) This section does not apply to a State licensee on inactive status.

2 (b) A master electrician who is licensed by the State Board and provides electrical
3 services or a person to whom a master electrician licensed by the State Board assigns a
4 local registration under this title shall:

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

6 (2) maintain property damage insurance in the amount of at least
7 \$100,000; and

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

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

11 **(II) AN APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN**
12 **LICENSE MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS**
13 **PARAGRAPH BY SUBMITTING PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT IS WORKING OR PLANS**
14 **TO WORK FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN WHO HAS FILED PROOF OF INSURANCE IN**
15 **ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

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

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

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

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

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

28 (a) The Maryland Department of Labor shall review each memorandum of
29 understanding that the State has entered into with another state or territory guaranteeing
30 a reciprocal recognition of electrician licenses to determine whether all licenses issued to
31 master electricians under Title 6 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article is
32 covered by the terms of the memorandum of understanding.

1 (b) If the Maryland Department of Labor determines that the terms of a
2 memorandum of understanding do not cover a master electrician who is licensed in
3 accordance with Title 6 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, the
4 Department shall seek to renegotiate the terms of the memorandum of understanding to
5 include licenses for those master electricians who are not covered.

6 (c) On or before January 1, 2023, the Maryland Department of Labor shall report
7 to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the
8 General Assembly on:

9 (1) any outstanding memoranda of understanding with other states or
10 territories guaranteeing a reciprocal recognition of electrician licenses that:

11 (i) do not recognize master electricians authorized for licensure
12 under Title 6 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article; and

13 (ii) that the Department was unable to renegotiate; and

14 (2) actions needed in order to guarantee that a license issued to a master
15 electrician in accordance with Title 6 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article
16 can be brought under the terms of a memorandum of understanding identified in item (1)
17 of this subsection, including:

18 (i) any necessary legislation; and

19 (ii) any necessary appropriation of funds.

20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
21 1, 2022.