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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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; requiring that applicants for certain local permits have a State license  
9 to provide electrical services; providing for the delayed issuance of an electrical  
10 permit; ~~providing that certain proof is sufficient to establish that certain applicants~~  
11 ~~have insurance coverage~~; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to examine  
12 certain memoranda of understanding; requiring the Department to attempt to  
13 renegotiate certain memoranda of understanding in certain circumstances; requiring  
14 the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on certain  
15 memoranda of understanding; and generally relating to the licensure of electricians  
16 in the State.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
19 Section 6–304, 6–307.1, and 6–603, and 6–604  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1                                   **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

2   6–304.

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

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

9                           (i)    a master electrician; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 6-307.1.

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

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

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

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

13 (i) at least 576 classroom hours; and

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

15 6-603.

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

18 (1) **(I) HOLDS A STATE LICENSE; AND**

19 **(II)** is actively registered locally, if required, ~~or holds a State license;~~

20 (2) shows proof of the State license; ~~and~~

21 (3) pays any permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires; **AND**

22 **(4) PROVIDES PROOF OF INSURANCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE**  
23 **REQUIREMENTS OF § 6-604 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

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

28 (c) **(1) [On] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
29 **SUBSECTION, ON** payment of the permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires, the local

1 jurisdiction shall issue the appropriate permit to each applicant who meets the  
2 requirements of this section.

3 **(2) ~~IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION REQUIRES MAY DELAY THE ISSUANCE~~**  
4 **~~OF AN ADDITIONAL ELECTRICAL PERMIT, INCLUDING A BUILDING PERMIT, IN~~**  
5 **~~CONJUNCTION WITH AN ELECTRICAL PERMIT FOR A PARTICULAR JOB, THE LOCAL~~**  
6 **~~JURISDICTION MAY DELAY THE ISSUANCE OF THE ELECTRICAL PERMIT UNTIL THE~~**  
7 **~~ADDITIONAL PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IF, FOR A~~**  
8 **~~PARTICULAR JOB, THE LOCAL JURISDICTION REQUIRES THE ISSUANCE OF OTHER~~**  
9 **~~PERMITS, INCLUDING A BUILDING PERMIT, BEFORE ISSUANCE OF THE ELECTRICAL~~**  
10 **~~PERMIT.~~**

11 ~~6-604.~~

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

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

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

17 ~~(2) maintain property damage insurance in the amount of at least~~  
18 ~~\$100,000; and~~

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

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

22 ~~(H) AN APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN~~  
23 ~~LICENSE MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS~~  
24 ~~PARAGRAPH BY SUBMITTING PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT IS WORKING OR PLANS~~  
25 ~~TO WORK FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN WHO HAS FILED PROOF OF INSURANCE IN~~  
26 ~~ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.~~

27 ~~(2) The State Board may not issue a State license to an applicant to whom~~  
28 ~~the insurance requirements of this section would apply unless the applicant submits proof~~  
29 ~~of the insurance.~~

30 ~~(d) Unless an applicant meets the insurance requirements of this section, the~~  
31 ~~State Board may not renew a State license of the applicant to whom the insurance~~  
32 ~~requirements of this section would apply.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27           (i) any necessary legislation; and

28           (ii) any necessary appropriation of funds.

29           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
30 1, 2022.