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**By: Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (Departmental - Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors -**  
3 **Qualifications of Applicants**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Heating, Ventilation,  
5 Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors to permit individuals who missed  
6 a certain application filing deadline for journeyman licenses, but who otherwise  
7 qualify for licensure, to qualify for a journeyman examination under certain  
8 conditions; authorizing the Board to credit a certain number of years of work  
9 experience for individuals applying to take a licensing examination; and generally  
10 relating to qualifications of applicants.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Business Regulation  
13 Section 9A-302  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1992 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Business Regulation**

19 9A-302.

20 (a) To qualify for an apprentice, journeyman, master, master restricted, or limited  
21 license, an applicant shall meet the requirements of this section.

22 (b) An applicant for a master heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and  
23 refrigeration contractor license shall:

24 (1) have been regularly and principally employed in providing heating,  
25 ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services under a journeyman, limited, or  
26 master restricted license for not less than 3 years of active experience under the direction  
27 and control of a master heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration  
28 contractor and have been so employed for not less than 1,875 hours in the year prior to  
29 application; and

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1 (2) pass an examination administered by the Board.

2 (c) An applicant for a master restricted heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and  
3 refrigeration contractor license shall:

4 (1) have been regularly and principally employed in providing refrigeration,  
5 air-conditioning, forced air heating, hydronic heating, or ventilation services under a  
6 journeyman, limited, or master restricted license for not less than 3 years of active  
7 experience under the direction and control of a master or master restricted heating,  
8 ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor and have been so employed for  
9 not less than 1,875 hours in the year prior to application; and

10 (2) pass an examination administered by the Board.

11 (d) An applicant for a limited heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and  
12 refrigeration license shall:

13 (1) have been regularly and principally employed in providing forced air  
14 heating, hydronic, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services under a  
15 journeyman license for not less than 2 years of active experience under the direction and  
16 control of the holder of a master, master restricted, or limited license under this title, and  
17 have been so employed for not less than 1,000 hours in the year prior to application; and

18 (2) pass an examination administered by the Board.

19 (e) An applicant for a journeyman license shall:

20 (1) (I) have held, for a period of at least 3 years, an apprentice license,  
21 and during that period shall have completed at least 1,875 hours of training in providing  
22 heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration services under the direction and  
23 control of a licensed contractor; [and] OR

24 (II) SUBMIT TO THE BOARD ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 1997, AN  
25 APPLICATION ACCOMPANIED BY DOCUMENTATION OF AT LEAST 3 YEARS OF WORK  
26 EXPERIENCE WHICH, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, PROVIDED EXPERIENCE  
27 COMPARABLE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

28 (2) pass an examination administered by the Board.

29 (f) (1) The Board may credit not more than 3 years of formal course of study or  
30 professional training in heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services if,  
31 in the opinion of the Board, the study or training provided comparable experience.

32 (2) THE BOARD MAY CREDIT NOT MORE THAN 6 YEARS OF WORK  
33 EXPERIENCE IN HEATING VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, OR REFRIGERATION  
34 SERVICES WHICH FAILS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (B)(1), (C)(1),  
35 (D)(1), AND (E)(1) OF THIS SECTION IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE BOARD, THE WORK  
36 PROVIDED COMPARABLE EXPERIENCE AND IF THE FAILURE TO MEET THE  
37 REQUIREMENTS IS NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO FAULT OR NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF  
38 THE APPLICANT.

39 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
40 July 1, 1996.

