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**By: Washington County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Electrician Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the passing grade for a Master Electrician license in  
4 Washington County; altering the method of payment of certain fees for electrician  
5 licenses; authorizing the Board of Examiners and Supervisors to suspend a license  
6 or license renewal for cause; requiring the electrician of record to present a license  
7 or card on request; clarifying the categories of electrical work for which a Restricted  
8 Electrician license may be issued; clarifying the conditions under which a Restricted  
9 Electrician license may not be granted; providing for the severability of the licensing  
10 provisions; and generally relating to electrician licenses in Washington County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
13 Section 8-106(a)(1), 8-107(b), 8-109, 8-110, and 8-117  
14 Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
15 (1991 Edition and August 1994 Supplement, as amended)

16 BY adding to  
17 The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
18 Section 8-118  
19 Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
20 (1991 Edition and August 1994 Supplement, as amended)

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

23 **Article 22 - Washington County**

24 8-106.

25 (a) (1) (i) Before any individual engages in the business of a Master  
26 Electrician in Washington County, that individual shall apply to the Board for a license  
27 examination.

28 (ii) The Board shall hold license examinations 4 times annually at a  
29 time and place determined by the Board.

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1 (iii) An applicant shall file a license application with work experience  
2 verification letters and an examination fee of \$50 at least 30 days before the examination  
3 date. The examination fee is not refundable.

4 (iv) An applicant shall take and pass an objective written examination  
5 to determine fitness for a license.

6 (v) The passing grade for the examination shall be [70] 75percent.

7 (vi) The examination shall require knowledge of all applicable codes,  
8 laws, rules, and principles of electrical installations.

9 8-107.

10 (b) The fees shall be:

11 (1) Active and renewal license - \$150;

12 (2) Inactive license - \$50;

13 (3) [Fee to activate license - \$50; and] FEE TO REACTIVATE LICENSE -  
14 \$50 FOR EACH OF THE REMAINING YEARS IN THE LICENSING PERIOD, THE TOTAL  
15 NOT TO EXCEED \$150;

16 (4) Late payment penalty - \$100; AND

17 (5) ACTIVE LICENSE FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO BECOME ELIGIBLE  
18 FOR A LICENSE AFTER THE BEGINNING OF A LICENSING PERIOD - \$50 FOR EACH  
19 REMAINING YEAR OR PART OF A YEAR IN THE LICENSING PERIOD.

20 8-109.

21 The Board may revoke OR SUSPEND for proper cause any license or license renewal  
22 after a full hearing of all parties in interest.

23 8-110.

24 [An approved electrical permit number must be available on the job site] THE  
25 ELECTRICIAN OF RECORD SHALL PRESENT THE ELECTRICIAN'S LICENSE OR CARD at  
26 the request of the electrical inspector.

27 8-117.

28 (a) [In addition to the powers and duties given to the Board in §§ 8-101 through  
29 8-116, inclusive, of this subtitle, the] THE Board shall also examine into the  
30 qualifications and capabilities of all persons who are engaged or desire to engage in [the]  
31 limited fields of electrical work[, such as the installation, maintenance and repair of  
32 electrically operated heating equipment, electrically operated air-conditioning and  
33 refrigeration equipment, electrically operated elevators, electrical display signs or  
34 electrical household appliances].

35 (b) (1) Persons found properly qualified by the Board shall be issued Restricted  
36 Electrician licenses which shall be designated as such and shall contain the name of the  
37 particular fields of electrical work in which the persons are qualified.

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1 (2) THE BOARD MAY NOT GRANT A RESTRICTED ELECTRICIAN LICENSE  
2 TO AN APPLICANT WHO:

3 (I) IS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS; OR

4 (II) HAS NOT TAKEN AND SUBSCRIBED AN OATH THAT THE  
5 APPLICANT HAS BEEN REGULARLY AND PRINCIPALLY EMPLOYED OR ENGAGED,  
6 FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 4 YEARS PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION,  
7 IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AND REPAIR OF THE PARTICULAR CATEGORY OF  
8 ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS  
9 SECTION FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT IS TO BE LICENSED.

10 (C) A LICENSED RESTRICTED ELECTRICIAN MAY INSTALL ELECTRICAL  
11 WIRING FROM THE POINT OF DISTRIBUTION TO, AND INCLUDING, THE EQUIPMENT  
12 OR APPLIANCE.

13 (D) A RESTRICTED ELECTRICIAN LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE  
14 FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

15 (1) ELECTRICALLY OPERATED HEATING, AIR-CONDITIONING,  
16 VENTILATION, AND REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT UTILIZING OIL OR GAS BURNERS  
17 AND TEMPERATURE AND CONTROL WIRING;

18 (2) ELECTRICALLY OPERATED ELEVATORS, CRANES, HOISTS, AND  
19 PUMPS;

20 (3) ELECTRICAL DISPLAY SIGNS;

21 (4) ALARM SYSTEMS, RADIO AND TELEVISION ANTENNAE, CABLE  
22 TELEVISION, AND TELEPHONE AND LOW-VOLTAGE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS;

23 (5) PETROLEUM DISPENSING UNITS (GASOLINE, KEROSENE, DIESEL,  
24 AND AVIATION FUELS);

25 (6) HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES;

26 (7) ON PREMISES ELECTRICIAN (PLANT ELECTRICIAN) WHO WORKS  
27 ONLY ON THE PREMISES OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYER WHICH IS A  
28 CORPORATION, FIRM, OR COMPANY NOT ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF  
29 ELECTRICAL WORK; OR

30 (8) RESIDENTIAL ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS.

31 [(c)] (E) All matters handled by the Board in connection with the issuance of  
32 Restricted Electrician licenses shall be dealt with in the same way and under the same  
33 rules and regulations and to the same extent as the Board uses in the issuance of Master  
34 Electrician licenses.

35 8-118.

36 IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR  
37 THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS SUBTITLE TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCES IS  
38 HELD INVALID, THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE REMAINDER OF THE SUBTITLE

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1 AND THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS SUBTITLE TO OTHER PERSONS AND  
2 CIRCUMSTANCES IS NOT AFFECTED.

3           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 1996.