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CHAPTER ____

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:

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1 **Article 22 - Washington County**

2 8-106.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 8-107.

17 (b) The fees shall be:

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

19 (2) Inactive license - \$50;

20 (3) [Fee to activate license - \$50; and] FEE TO REACTIVATE LICENSE -
21 \$50 FOR EACH OF THE REMAINING YEARS IN THE LICENSING PERIOD, THE TOTAL
22 NOT TO EXCEED \$150;

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

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

27 8-109.

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

30 8-110.

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

34 8-117.

35 (a) [In addition to the powers and duties given to the Board in §§ 8-101 through
36 8-116, inclusive, of this subtitle, the] THE Board shall also examine into the

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1 qualifications and capabilities of all persons who are engaged or desire to engage in [the]
2 limited fields of electrical work[, such as the installation, maintenance and repair of
3 electrically operated heating equipment, electrically operated air-conditioning and
4 refrigeration equipment, electrically operated elevators, electrical display signs or
5 electrical household appliances].

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

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

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

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

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

21 (D) A RESTRICTED ELECTRICIAN LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE
22 FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

23 (1) ELECTRICALLY OPERATED HEATING, AIR-CONDITIONING,
24 VENTILATION, AND REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT UTILIZING OIL OR GAS BURNERS
25 AND TEMPERATURE AND CONTROL WIRING;

26 (2) ELECTRICALLY OPERATED ELEVATORS, CRANES, HOISTS, AND
27 PUMPS;

28 (3) ELECTRICAL DISPLAY SIGNS;

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

31 (5) PETROLEUM DISPENSING UNITS (GASOLINE, KEROSENE, DIESEL,
32 AND AVIATION FUELS);

33 (6) HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES;

34 (7) ON PREMISES ELECTRICIAN (PLANT ELECTRICIAN) WHO WORKS
35 ONLY ON THE PREMISES OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYER WHICH IS A
36 CORPORATION, FIRM, OR COMPANY NOT ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF
37 ELECTRICAL WORK; OR

38 (8) RESIDENTIAL ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS.

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

5 8-118.

6 IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR
7 THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS SUBTITLE TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCES IS
8 HELD INVALID, THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE REMAINDER OF THE SUBTITLE
9 AND THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS SUBTITLE TO OTHER PERSONS AND
10 CIRCUMSTANCES IS NOT AFFECTED.

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