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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Propane Gas Services - Certification Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting from the certification requirements for providing propane
4 gas services certain individuals who are performing work on or setting in place
5 certain appliances; and generally relating to the regulation of persons who provide
6 propane gas services.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
9 Section 12-301
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

15 12-301.

16 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be licensed
17 by the Board to provide plumbing services before the individual may provide plumbing
18 services in the State.

19 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be licensed
20 by the Board to provide or to assist in providing plumbing services before the individual
21 may assist in providing plumbing services in the State.

22 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be licensed
23 by the Board to provide plumbing services or certified by the Board to provide propane
24 gas services before the individual may provide propane gas services in the State.

25 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, this section does not apply to
26 an individual who personally provides plumbing services in the residence of the
27 individual.

28 (2) An individual may not provide plumbing services that make a final
29 connection between the residence of the individual and a public or private disposal
30 system or water supply system.

1 (c) This section does not apply to an employee of a gas company regulated by the
2 Public Service Commission while making a connection to a gas appliance for domestic
3 purposes or while installing, repairing, maintaining, replacing, or performing any other
4 work on a natural gas, propane gas, or other gas distribution system.

5 (d) This section does not apply to an individual performing work that is only
6 incidental to the licensee providing or assisting in providing plumbing services.

7 (e) This section does not apply to an individual who, without compensation,
8 provides plumbing services that the Board defines by regulation to be only incidental
9 plumbing services.

10 (f) This section does not apply to an employee of a building owner, manager, or
11 maintenance company who provides plumbing services that the Board defines by
12 regulation to be only minor plumbing repair services.

13 (g) This section does not apply to an individual who is licensed as an appliance
14 installer in Allegany County, Frederick County, Garrett County, or Washington County
15 while acting within the scope of the license.

16 (h) This section does not apply to an individual who is licensed in Washington
17 County to work as or for a septic system installer or an on-site utility contractor installing
18 water or sewer service in the County at least 5 feet from a building being served.

19 (I) SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL
20 WHO IS PERFORMING WORK ON OR SETTING IN PLACE A PROPANE GAS APPLIANCE
21 IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS TRAINED AND QUALIFIED AS A TECHNICIAN TO WORK ON
22 THAT PARTICULAR TYPE OF APPLIANCE.

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