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CHAPTER ____

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 while~~
5 servicing certain appliances; and generally relating to the regulation of persons who
6 provide 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (I) SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL
29 ~~WHO IS PERFORMING WORK ON OR SETTING IN PLACE A PROPANE GAS APPLIANCE~~
30 ~~IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS TRAINED AND QUALIFIED AS A TECHNICIAN LICENSED BY~~
31 ~~THE STATE BOARD OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND~~
32 ~~REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS WHILE SERVICING AN EXISTING PROPANE GAS~~
33 ~~APPLIANCE IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS COMPLETED A MANUFACTURER'S TRAINING~~
34 ~~COURSE CERTIFYING COMPETENCE TO WORK ON THAT PARTICULAR TYPE OF~~
35 ~~APPLIANCE.~~

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

