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

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

**2 State Board of Master Electricians - Waiver of Examination Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the State Board of Master Electricians may waive the  
4 examination requirement for an applicant who is licensed in another state and who  
5 satisfies certain experience requirements; authorizing the Board to grant certain  
6 credit toward experience under certain conditions; and generally relating to the  
7 State Board of Master Electricians.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
10 Section 6-308  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

**15 Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

16 6-308.

17 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, on the affirmative vote of at least a  
18 majority of the authorized membership of the State Board, the State Board may waive the  
19 examination requirements of this subtitle for an individual who is licensed to provide  
20 electrical services as a master electrician in another state.

21 (b) The State Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:

22 (1) pays the appropriate application fee required by § 6-305 of this subtitle;  
23 and

24 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

25 (i) meets the qualifications otherwise required by this subtitle;

26 (ii) holds an active license in good standing in the other state;

27 (iii) holds a license that is equivalent to the State license; and

1 (iv) [became licensed in the other state after meeting, in that state,  
2 requirements that are at least equivalent to the licensing requirements of this State,  
3 including 7 years of work experience equivalent to the experience required under §  
4 6-304(b) of this subtitle] MEETS A 7-YEAR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT IN  
5 PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES, AT LEAST 4 YEARS OF WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN  
6 GAINED PRIOR TO LICENSURE IN THE OTHER STATE, WHILE UNDER THE  
7 SUPERVISION OF A MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR SIMILARLY QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE OF  
8 A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT.

9 (c) The State Board may grant a waiver only if the state in which the applicant is  
10 licensed waives the examination of licensees of this State to a similar extent as this State  
11 waives the examination requirements for individuals licensed in that state.

12 (D) THE BOARD MAY ALLOW AN APPLICANT UP TO 3 YEARS CREDIT TOWARD  
13 THE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, IF THE  
14 STATE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE APPLICANT HAS COMPLETED A FORMAL  
15 COURSE OF STUDY OR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION  
16 COMPARABLE TO THE REQUIRED EXPERIENCE.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 1997.