

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 690 (Washington County Delegation)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Washington County - Electrician Licenses - Examinations**

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This bill alters the passing grade on the examination to qualify for a Washington County Master Electrician license from 75% to 70%.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Indeterminate increase in revenues from a potential increase in licenses issued and fees collected from applicants that pass the Washington County master electrician license examination due to the bill's lower exam grade requirement. The fee for a three-year active license is \$150.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal impact on electricians who seek licensure in Washington County as discussed below.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Small Business Effect:** There are approximately 450 master electricians with active licenses in Washington County. The majority of these electricians are assumed to be employed by small businesses. To the extent that the lower grade requirement eases barriers to entry for new licensees, the bill could facilitate licensure and increase competition among electricians in Washington County.

For informational purposes, approximately 100 applicants take the Washington County

master electrician license examination annually. In 1996, approximately 37 of the applicants who took the exam passed it with a score of 75 percent or higher.

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