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By: **Delegate Curran**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors -**  
3                                   **Journeyman License**

4 FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements relating to the issuance of a  
5 heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration journeyman license;  
6 requiring the Board to issue, without examination, a journeyman license to an  
7 individual who has successfully completed a State-approved training program;  
8 and generally relating to licensing procedures for heating, ventilation,  
9 air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractors.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Business Regulation  
12 Section 9A-306  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

17                                   **Article - Business Regulation**

18 9A-306.

19 (a) The Board shall issue without examination a master, master restricted, or  
20 limited heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license to  
21 any licensee holding a current, active or inactive master, master restricted, or limited  
22 heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license, or a  
23 similar license issued by a subdivision of the State, if the licensee:

24 (1) files an application for a license under this title by 1 year after the  
25 date that the members of the Board are appointed; and

26 (2) submits with the application the prescribed fee and proof of eligibility  
27 required by the Board.

1 (b) The Board shall issue without examination a master, master restricted, or  
2 limited heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license,  
3 whether a subdivision of the State requires a local license or not, to an individual  
4 who:

5 (1) has lawfully provided heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or  
6 refrigeration services in a subdivision of the State for at least 5 years immediately  
7 prior to 1 year after the date the members of the Board are appointed;

8 (2) files an application for a license under this title prior to 1 year after  
9 the date the members of the Board are appointed; and

10 (3) submits with the application the prescribed fee and proof of eligibility  
11 required by the Board.

12 (c) The Board shall issue without examination a journeyman license to an  
13 individual holding a current, active or inactive, journeyman license, or a similar  
14 license issued by a subdivision of the State, if the individual:

15 (1) files an application for a license under this title prior to December 31,  
16 1994; and

17 (2) submits with the application the prescribed fee and proof of eligibility  
18 required by the Board.

19 (d) The Board shall issue without examination a journeyman license, whether  
20 a subdivision of the State requires a local license or not, to an individual who:

21 (1) has lawfully provided heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or  
22 refrigeration services in a subdivision of the State:

23 (i) under the direction and control of one or more individuals who  
24 meet the requirements for a master license under subsection (a) or (b) of this section;  
25 and

26 (ii) for at least 3 years prior to December 31, 1994;

27 (2) holds an apprentice license at the time of the application;

28 (3) files an application for a license under this title prior to December 31,  
29 1994; and

30 (4) submits with the application the prescribed fee and proof of eligibility  
31 required by the Board.

32 (e) The Board shall issue without examination a journeyman license to an  
33 individual who has SUCCESSFULLY completed an apprentice program approved by  
34 the Apprenticeship and Training Council.

1 (F) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE WITHOUT EXAMINATION A JOURNEYMAN  
2 LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN APPRENTICE  
3 PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE STATE.

4 [(f)] (G) (1) All applicants for a master, master restricted, or limited  
5 heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license on or after  
6 1 year after the date the members of the Board are appointed shall submit to  
7 examination under this title.

8 (2) The application shall include all information required by the Board  
9 regarding proof of eligibility.

10 [(g)] (H)(1) [All] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS  
11 SECTION, ALL applicants for a journeyman license on or after January 1, 1995 shall  
12 submit to examination under this title.

13 (2) The application shall include all information required by the Board  
14 regarding proof of eligibility.

15 [(h)] (I) An applicant who qualifies for a license under subsection (a) or (b) of  
16 this section but fails to apply for the license within the 1-year period:

17 (1) may take an examination under this title to be licensed;

18 (2) may not be required to obtain a journeyman license or an apprentice  
19 license; and

20 (3) may provide services as a master, master restricted, or limited license  
21 holder after obtaining the appropriate license.

22 [(i)] (J) An individual who holds a limited license or a master restricted  
23 license issued under subsection (a) or (b) of this section may take an examination  
24 administered by the Board to qualify for a master license or an additional master  
25 restricted license without meeting the requirements of § 9A-302 of this subtitle, if the  
26 individual:

27 (1) submits to the Board on or before December 31, 1996 an application  
28 on the form that the Board provides; and

29 (2) pays to the Board an application fee established by the Board.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 1998.