
By: **Delegate Harkins**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Master Plumbers - Continuing Education**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring master plumbers to meet certain continuing education
4 requirements established by the State Board of Plumbing to qualify for license
5 renewal; requiring the State Board of Plumbing to adopt certain regulations
6 relating to continuing education; and generally relating to continuing education
7 for master plumbers.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
10 Section 12-308(c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
13 (As enacted by Chapter 735 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
16 Section 12-308.1
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

22 12-308.

23 (c) Before a license expires, the licensee may renew it for an additional 2-year
24 term, if the licensee:

25 (1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

26 (2) pays to the Board a renewal fee of:

- 1 (i) \$70 for a master plumber license or a limited master plumber
2 license;
- 3 (ii) \$35 for a journey plumber license or a limited journey plumber
4 license;
- 5 (iii) \$15 for an apprentice plumber license; or
- 6 (iv) \$35 for a propane gas fitter certificate;[and]

7 (3) submits to the Board:

8 (i) if contracting in the name of the licensee or another person to
9 provide plumbing services, proof of the liability insurance required under § 12-501 of
10 this title; and

11 (ii) a renewal application on the form that the Board provides; AND

12 (4) FOR A MASTER PLUMBER LICENSE, MEETS ANY CONTINUING
13 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD UNDER § 12-308.1 OF THIS
14 SUBTITLE.

15 12-308.1.

16 (A) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE THAT, TO QUALIFY
17 FOR RENEWAL OF A MASTER PLUMBER LICENSE, A MASTER PLUMBER SHALL
18 COMPLETE AT LEAST 8 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTRUCTION IN THE
19 SUBJECT MATTER REQUIRED BY THE BOARD DURING EACH 2-YEAR LICENSE TERM.

20 (B) BEFORE ADOPTING ANY REGULATIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
21 SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER THE AVAILABILITY IN ALL GEOGRAPHIC
22 AREAS OF THE STATE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTRUCTION IN THE REQUIRED
23 SUBJECT MATTER.

24 (C) THE BOARD FOR GOOD CAUSE MAY WAIVE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION
25 REQUIREMENT TO PREVENT UNDUE HARDSHIP OR GROSS UNFAIRNESS.

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