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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Plumbers - Backflow Certification**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that a master plumber ~~or journey plumber,~~ journey  
4 plumber, or apprentice holding a valid license is eligible to participate in a  
5 certain cross connection/backflow prevention certification program; and  
6 generally relating to the certification of plumbers to perform certain cross  
7 connection/backflow prevention work.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
10 Section 12-306(c)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 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 12-306.

17 (C) (1) ANY MASTER PLUMBER OR JOURNEY PLUMBER, JOURNEY PLUMBER,  
18 OR APPRENTICE HOLDING A VALID LICENSE IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A  
19 BOARD-APPROVED CROSS CONNECTION/BACKFLOW PREVENTION CERTIFICATION  
20 PROGRAM TO BE CERTIFIED AS AN APPROVED CROSS CONNECTION/BACKFLOW  
21 PREVENTION TECHNICIAN.

1                   (2)     ~~ONLY AN INDIVIDUAL~~ A MASTER PLUMBER OR JOURNEY PLUMBER  
2 POSSESSING CERTIFICATION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO CERTIFY THE  
3 INSTALLATION AND TESTING OF MECHANICAL CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL  
4 DEVICES.

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