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

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Plumbers - Licensing - Waiver of Examination Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Plumbing to waive the
4 examination requirements for certain plumber licenses under certain
5 circumstances; and generally relating to the licensing of plumbers.

6 BY adding to
7 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
8 Section 12-305.1
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

14 12-305.1.

15 (A) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY WAIVE
16 THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A MASTER PLUMBER LICENSE OR A
17 JOURNEY PLUMBER LICENSE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED TO PROVIDE
18 PLUMBING SERVICES IN ANOTHER STATE ON THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT LEAST A
19 MAJORITY OF THE AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.

1 (B) THE BOARD MAY GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION ONLY IF AN
2 APPLICANT:

3 (1) PAYS THE APPROPRIATE FEE REQUIRED UNDER § 12-306 OF THIS
4 SUBTITLE; AND

5 (2) PROVIDES ADEQUATE EVIDENCE THAT THE APPLICANT:

6 (I) MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THIS
7 TITLE;

8 (II) HOLDS AN ACTIVE LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING IN THE OTHER
9 STATE;

10 (III) HOLDS A LICENSE THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO THE STATE
11 LICENSE; AND

12 (IV) BECAME LICENSED IN THE OTHER STATE AFTER MEETING
13 REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE AT LEAST EQUIVALENT TO THE LICENSING
14 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE.

15 (C) THE BOARD MAY GRANT A WAIVER ONLY IF THE STATE IN WHICH THE
16 APPLICANT IS LICENSED WAIVES THE EXAMINATION OF LICENSEES OF THIS STATE
17 TO A SIMILAR EXTENT AS THIS STATE WAIVES THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS
18 FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED IN THAT STATE.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 1999.