
By: **Senator Sfikas**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electricians - Providing Electrical Services Without a Permit - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Master Electricians to impose a
4 certain civil penalty on a person who provides electrical services in a local
5 jurisdiction without first obtaining certain permits required by the local
6 jurisdiction; requiring the State Board to consider certain criteria when
7 determining the amount of the civil penalty; requiring the State Board to pay
8 any penalty collected under this Act into the General Fund of the State; and
9 generally relating to creating a civil penalty for persons who provide electrical
10 services without first obtaining the proper local permits.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
13 Section 6-6A-01 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6A. Prohibited Acts;
14 Penalties"
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

20 **SUBTITLE 6A. PROHIBITED ACTS; PENALTIES.**

21 6-6A-01.

22 (A) IF A PERSON PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN A LOCAL JURISDICTION
23 WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING ANY PERMITS REQUIRED BY THE LOCAL JURISDICTION,
24 THE STATE BOARD MAY IMPOSE ON THAT PERSON A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING
25 \$500 FOR EACH VIOLATION.

26 (B) IN SETTING THE AMOUNT OF THE PENALTY, THE STATE BOARD SHALL
27 CONSIDER:

- 1 (1) THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION;
- 2 (2) THE GOOD FAITH OF THE VIOLATOR;
- 3 (3) ANY HISTORY OF PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS BY THE VIOLATOR; AND
- 4 (4) WHETHER OR NOT THE VIOLATOR WAS PROPERLY LICENSED TO
- 5 PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.

6 (C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY PENALTY COLLECTED UNDER THIS

7 SECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

9 October 1, 2000.