

SENATE BILL 620

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By: **Senator Sfikas**
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CHAPTER _____

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

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
14 Section 6-6A-01 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6A. Prohibited Acts;
15 Penalties"
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

2 SUBTITLE 6A. PROHIBITED ACTS; PENALTIES.

3 6-6A-01.

4 (A) IF A PERSON PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN ~~A~~ AN UNLICENSED
5 LOCAL JURISDICTION WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING ANY PERMITS REQUIRED BY THE
6 LOCAL JURISDICTION, THE STATE BOARD OR THE LOCAL ELECTRICAL BOARD MAY
7 IMPOSE ON THAT PERSON A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$500~~ \$1000 FOR EACH
8 VIOLATION.

9 (B) IN SETTING THE AMOUNT OF THE PENALTY, THE STATE BOARD OR THE
10 LOCAL ELECTRICAL BOARD SHALL CONSIDER:

11 (1) THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION;

12 (2) THE GOOD FAITH OF THE VIOLATOR;

13 (3) ANY HISTORY OF PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS BY THE VIOLATOR; AND

14 (4) WHETHER OR NOT THE VIOLATOR WAS PROPERLY LICENSED TO
15 PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.

16 (C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY PENALTY COLLECTED BY THE STATE
17 BOARD UNDER THIS SECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2000.