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By: **Delegate Parrott**  
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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 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
15 Section 12-308.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

21 12-308.

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

24 (1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

25 (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 apprentice natural gas  
6 fitters license;
- 7 (iv) \$35 for a propane gas fitter certificate;
- 8 (v) \$35 for a master natural gas fitters license; or
- 9 (vi) \$25 for a journeyman natural gas fitters license; and

10 (3) submits to the Board:

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

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

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

18 12-308.1.

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

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

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

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 2001.