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Senate Bill 345

(Senator Baker)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

**Cecil County - Board of Electrical Examiners - Appointment and Licensing Fees
and Requirements**

This bill increases the licensing fee for electricians licensed to work in Cecil County from \$35 to \$50 for county residents and increases from \$35 to \$50 the minimum licensing fee charged to other State residents. Electricians renewing their license must pay the licensing fee and provide evidence of satisfactory completion of approved continuing education requirements. In addition, the bill: (1) repeals the requirement that the three electrician members of the Cecil County Board of Electrical Examiners be appointed from a list of six names recommended by the Cecil County Electrical Contractors Association; (2) repeals the requirement that one member of the board be an electrical inspector who conducts electrical inspections in Cecil County as a representative of a recognized electrical inspection authority; and (3) requires one member of the board to be a current or former fire chief of any recognized volunteer fire company in Cecil County, or an employee of a major utility company furnishing electricity in Cecil County, or a current or former Deputy State Fire Marshal.

Fiscal Summary**State Effect:** None.**Local Effect:** Cecil County revenues from licensing fees could increase by approximately \$10,500 annually. County expenditures would not be affected.**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Electricians who are Cecil County residents must pay an application fee of \$35 to work as electricians in Cecil County. Electricians who are Maryland residents who do not live in Cecil County must pay a fee equal to the fee paid in the county of their residence, but not less than \$35, to work as electricians in Cecil County. The Cecil County Board of Electrical Examiners consists of five members. Three members must be master electricians who are selected from a list of six names provided to the Board of Commissioners of Cecil County by the Cecil County Electrical Contractors Association and have been licensed as master electricians in Cecil County for at least three years. One member must be a building contractor and one member must be an electrical inspector.

Local Fiscal Effect: The Cecil County Board of Electrical Examiners advises that approximately 700 licenses are applied for each year. In any given year, approximately 290 applicants are county residents and 410 applicants reside outside of Cecil County. The licensing fees for the Cecil County Board of Electrical Examiners could increase by approximately \$10,500 annually.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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