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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Master Electricians - Sunset Extension and Program**  
3 **Evaluation**

4 FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Master Electricians in accordance  
5 with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by  
6 extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory  
7 and regulatory authority of the Board; ~~requiring applicants for a State master~~  
8 ~~electrician license or renewal of a State license to report the number and~~  
9 ~~jurisdiction of all other master electrician licenses held by the applicant;~~  
10 requiring local licensing jurisdictions to report to the State Board the initiation  
11 of disciplinary action against licensed master electricians within a certain time  
12 period; requiring the State Board to notify ~~certain~~ local licensing jurisdictions  
13 when the State Board is notified of a disciplinary action against a master  
14 electrician ~~holding licenses in certain jurisdictions~~; requiring local licensing  
15 jurisdictions to submit an annual report to the State Board on the number of  
16 complaints against master electricians in the local jurisdiction on or before a  
17 certain date; requiring that an evaluation of the State Board and the statutes  
18 and regulations that relate to the State Board be performed on or before a  
19 certain date; requiring the State Board to submit a certain report to certain  
20 committees on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board  
21 of Master Electricians.

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
23 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
24 Section ~~6-305, 6-310(e), and~~ 6-702  
25 Annotated Code of Maryland  
26 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

1 BY adding to  
2 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
3 Section 6-321  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article - State Government  
8 Section 8-403(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - State Government  
13 Section 8-403(b)(21)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

19 ~~6-305.~~

20 ~~An applicant for a State license shall:~~

21 ~~(1) submit to the State Board an application on the form that the State~~  
22 ~~Board provides; [and]~~

23 ~~(2) pay to the State Board or the State Board's designee an examination~~  
24 ~~fee set by the Board in an amount not to exceed the cost of the required examination;~~  
25 ~~AND~~

26 ~~(3) REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD THE NUMBER AND JURISDICTION OF~~  
27 ~~ALL OTHER MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSES HELD BY THE APPLICANT.~~

28 ~~6-310.~~

29 ~~(e) Before a State license expires, the State licensee periodically may renew it~~  
30 ~~for an additional 2 year term, if the State licensee:~~

31 ~~(1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;~~

32 ~~(2) pays to the State Board a renewal fee of \$25; [and]~~

33 ~~(3) submits to the State Board a renewal application on the form that the~~  
34 ~~State Board provides; AND~~

1           (4)     ~~REPORTS TO THE STATE BOARD THE NUMBER AND JURISDICTION OF~~  
 2 ~~ALL OTHER MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSES HELD BY THE LICENSEE.~~

3 6-321.

4       (A)     (1)     WHEN A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT REQUIRES A  
 5 LOCAL LICENSE INITIATES A DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST A LICENSED MASTER  
 6 ELECTRICIAN, THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL REPORT THE  
 7 DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO THE STATE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COMMENCEMENT  
 8 OF THE ACTION.

9           (2)     WHEN THE STATE BOARD RECEIVES NOTICE OF A LOCAL  
 10 DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN, THE STATE  
 11 BOARD SHALL ~~SEND WRITTEN~~ PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO  
 12 EACH LOCAL LICENSING JURISDICTION ~~IN WHICH THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN IS~~  
 13 ~~LICENSED.~~

14       (B)     EACH LOCAL LICENSING JURISDICTION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE  
 15 STATE BOARD ON THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST MASTER ELECTRICIANS  
 16 LICENSED IN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.  
 17 6-702.

18       Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland  
 19 Program Evaluation Act, this title and all regulations adopted under this title shall  
 20 terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2003] 2013.

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#### **Article - State Government**

22 8-403.

23       (a)     On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a  
 24 governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a  
 25 preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this  
 26 section.

27       (b)     Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before  
 28 the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation  
 29 shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and  
 30 regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:

31           (21)     Electricians, State Board of Master (§ 6-201 of the Business  
 32 Occupations and Professions Article; July 1, [2002] 2012);

33       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of  
 34 Master Electricians shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental  
 35 Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before October  
 36 1, 2002, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the  
 37 implementation of recommendations of the Department of Legislative Services  
 38 contained in the sunset evaluation report dated October 2001.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 July 1, 2002.