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By: **Delegate Parrott**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Journey Plumbers - Licensure Without Examination**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the qualifications for licensure as a journey plumber to  
4 include an individual who successfully completes a certain apprentice training  
5 program in plumbing; establishing a certain fee; requiring the State Board of  
6 Plumbing to issue a journey plumber license without examination to an  
7 individual who completes a certain apprentice training program in plumbing;  
8 making stylistic changes; and generally relating to licensure of journey  
9 plumbers.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
12 Section 12-302(b)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
17 Section 12-302(c) and 12-303  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

20 BY adding to  
21 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
22 Section 12-305.2  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

2 12-302.

3 (b) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the  
4 requirements of this section.

5 (c) (1) An applicant for a journey plumber license:

6 (I) SHALL HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN APPRENTICE  
7 PROGRAM IN PLUMBING APPROVED BY THE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING  
8 COUNCIL; AND

9 [(i)] (II) 1. A. shall have held, for a period of at least 4 years,  
10 an apprentice plumber license or a license of equal stature, as determined by the  
11 Board, that is issued by another state; and

12 [2.] B. during that period, shall have completed at least 7,500  
13 hours of training in providing plumbing services under the direction and control of a  
14 licensed master plumber; and

15 [(ii)] 2. shall have completed at least 32 hours of training in the  
16 testing of backflow prevention devices, in a manner approved by the Board.

17 (2) The Board may allow the applicant to apply up to 1,500 hours of  
18 accredited, approved school study toward the experience requirement of paragraph  
19 [(1)(i)2] (1)(II)1B of this subsection.

20 12-303.

21 (A) An applicant for a license shall:

22 (1) submit to the Board an application on the form that the Board  
23 provides; and

24 (2) except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, pay to the Board or the  
25 Board's designee an examination fee:

26 (i) for a master plumber license, a journey plumber license, or a  
27 master natural gas fitters license, in an amount set by the Board, not to exceed the  
28 cost of the required examination;

29 (ii) for an apprentice plumber license or apprentice natural gas  
30 fitters license of \$15;

31 (iii) for a propane gas fitter certificate of \$25; OR

32 (iv) for a journeyman natural gas fitters license of \$25[; or

33 (v) for a master natural gas fitters license without examination of  
34 \$50].

1 (B) AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE WITHOUT EXAMINATION SHALL:

2 (1) SUBMIT TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE  
3 BOARD PROVIDES; AND

4 (2) PAY TO THE BOARD \$25 FOR A JOURNEY PLUMBER LICENSE.

5 12-305.2.

6 THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE WITHOUT EXAMINATION A JOURNEY PLUMBER  
7 LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN APPRENTICE  
8 TRAINING PROGRAM IN PLUMBING APPROVED BY THE APPRENTICESHIP AND  
9 TRAINING COUNCIL AND WHO OTHERWISE COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
10 THIS SUBTITLE.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
12 effect October 1, 2002.