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By: **Senator Pinsky (Chairman, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
Subcommittee)**

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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 licensing jurisdictions when  
13 the State Board is notified of a disciplinary action against a master electrician  
14 holding licenses in certain jurisdictions; requiring local licensing jurisdictions to  
15 submit an annual report to the State Board on the number of complaints against  
16 master electricians in the local jurisdiction on or before a certain date; requiring  
17 that an evaluation of the State Board and the statutes and regulations that  
18 relate to the State Board be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the  
19 State Board to submit a certain report to certain committees on or before a  
20 certain date; and generally relating to the State Board of Master Electricians.

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
22 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
23 Section 6-305, 6-310(c), and 6-702  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (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 (c) 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 NOTICE OF THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO EACH  
12 LOCAL JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN IS LICENSED.

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

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

## 20 **Article - State Government**

21 8-403.

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

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

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

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