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By: **Senator Collins**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration**  
3                                   **Contractors - Membership**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the number of members on the State Board of Heating,  
5 Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors; authorizing  
6 certain chapters of the Air-Conditioning Contractors of America to jointly  
7 nominate certain members of the Board; exempting certain members of the  
8 Board from certain geographic requirements; and generally relating to the  
9 membership of the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and  
10 Refrigeration Contractors.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article - Business Regulation  
13 Section 9A-201  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article - Business Regulation  
18 Section 9A-202(a), (b), and (c)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

23                                   **Article - Business Regulation**

24 9A-201.

25 There is a State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and  
26 Refrigeration Contractors in the Department.

1 9A-202.

2 (a) (1) The Board consists of [7] 9 members.

3 (2) Of the [7] 9 Board members:

4 (i) [3] 5 shall be master heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and  
5 refrigeration contractors licensed in the State, a subdivision of the State, or another  
6 state provided that state has licensing requirements equivalent to the licensing  
7 requirements of this title;

8 (ii) 1 shall be a master electrician;

9 (iii) 1 shall be a master plumber; and

10 (iv) 2 shall be consumer members.

11 (3) OF THE 5 MASTER CONTRACTORS, 2 SHALL BE JOINTLY NOMINATED  
12 BY THE AIR-CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA (ACCA) CENTRAL MARYLAND  
13 CHAPTER AND THE ACCA NATIONAL CHAPTER FROM ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN THE  
14 STATE.

15 (4) The Governor shall appoint the members of the Board with the advice  
16 of the Secretary and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

17 (b) Except for the initial members of the Board AND THE MEMBERS  
18 NOMINATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION, of the members appointed  
19 under subsection (a)(2)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this section:

20 (1) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent,  
21 Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties;

22 (2) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Baltimore City, and  
23 Baltimore, Cecil, and Harford counties;

24 (3) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Anne Arundel, Calvert,  
25 Charles, and St. Mary's counties;

26 (4) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Howard, Montgomery, and  
27 Prince George's counties; and

28 (5) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Allegany, Carroll, Frederick,  
29 Garrett, and Washington counties.

30 (c) (1) [Two] EXCEPT FOR THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS  
31 SECTION, 2 members of the Board may not be residents of the same city, county, or  
32 other political subdivision.

33 (2) Each member of the Board shall be:

34 (i) a citizen of the United States; and

1                   (ii)       a resident of the State.

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