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By: **Senators Dyson and Haines**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Business Occupations and Professions - State Board of Plumbing -**  
3                                   **Composition**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the State Board of Plumbing;  
5     authorizing certain chapters of the Air-Conditioning Contractors of America to  
6     jointly nominate a certain member of the Board; exempting a certain member of  
7     the Board from certain geographic requirements; and generally relating to the  
8     composition of the State Board of Plumbing.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10    Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
11    Section 12-201  
12    Annotated Code of Maryland  
13    (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15    Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
16    Section 12-202(a)  
17    Annotated Code of Maryland  
18    (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

21                                   **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

22 12-201.

23     There is a State Board of Plumbing in the Department.

24 12-202.

25     (a)     (1)     The Board consists of 9 members.

26             (2)     Of the 9 members of the Board:

1 (i) 7 shall be plumbers; and

2 (ii) 2 shall be consumer members.

3 (3) Of the 7 plumber members of the Board:

4 (i) [at least 6] 5 shall be master plumbers; [and]

5 (ii) 1 SHALL BE A LICENSED MASTER HEATING, VENTILATION,  
6 AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTOR JOINTLY NOMINATED BY  
7 THE AIR-CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA (ACCA) CENTRAL MARYLAND  
8 CHAPTER AND THE ACCA NATIONAL CHAPTER FROM ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN THE  
9 STATE; AND

10 (III) 1 may be a journey plumber or a master plumber.

11 (4) [Subject] EXCEPT FOR THE MEMBER NOMINATED UNDER  
12 PARAGRAPH (3)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, SUBJECT to paragraph (6) of this subsection,  
13 of the [7] 6 REMAINING plumber members of the Board:

14 (i) [2] 1 shall be from Baltimore City;

15 (ii) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Anne Arundel, Calvert,  
16 Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties;

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

19 (iv) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Allegany, Frederick,  
20 Garrett, Montgomery, and Washington counties; and

21 (v) 2 shall be from the area that consists of Carroll, Cecil, Harford,  
22 and Howard counties.

23 (5) [A] EXCEPT FOR THE MEMBER NOMINATED UNDER PARAGRAPH  
24 (3)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A consumer member may not reside in the same county  
25 as a plumber member.

26 (6) [A] EXCEPT FOR THE MEMBER NOMINATED UNDER PARAGRAPH  
27 (3)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A member may not reside in a county or area of a county  
28 that is exempted from this title.

29 (7) The Governor shall appoint the members with the advice of the  
30 Secretary and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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