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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 594 (Delegate Klausmeier)
Economic Matters

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

This bill increases, from seven to nine, the number of members of the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVACR) Contractors by adding two licensed master HVACR contractors. Two of the five master contractor members must be jointly nominated by the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) – Central Maryland Chapter, and the ACCA National Chapter. The two nominated contractors may reside anywhere in the State and may be from the same city, county, or political subdivision as any other board member.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's changes could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The board consists of seven members, as follows:

- three master HVACR contractors;
- one master electrician;
- one master plumber; and
- two consumers.

The Governor appoints all members of the board with the advice of the Secretary of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the advice and consent of the Senate. Members of the board must be from five geographic areas as follows:

- one from Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, or Worcester counties;
- one from Baltimore City, or Baltimore, Cecil, or Harford counties;
- one from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, or St. Mary's counties;
- one from Howard, Montgomery, or Prince George's counties; and
- one from Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, or Washington counties.

Except for initial members, no two members may reside in the same city, county, or political subdivision. A term for a member is three years. All money collected by the board must be paid into the general fund.

Background: ACCA is the nation's largest trade association of HVACR contractors. With 68 state and local chapters across the country, ACCA's member network of more than 9,000 contractors nationwide also includes manufacturers of HVACR equipment, wholesalers and distributors, vocational and technical schools, and facilities operators.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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