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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 595 (Delegate Klausmeier)
Economic Matters

Business Occupations and Professions - State Board of Plumbing - Composition

This bill alters the composition of the State Board of Plumbing. Of the seven plumbers currently on the board, the bill requires that one must be a licensed master Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVACR) contractor jointly nominated by the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) -- Central Maryland Chapter and the ACCA National Chapter. The jointly nominated member 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: None. Altering the appointment process of board members would not affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State Board of Plumbing consists of nine members as follows:

- seven plumbers; and
- two consumer members.

Of the seven plumbers, at least six must be master plumbers and one may be a journey or master plumber. A consumer member and a plumber member may not reside in the same county, and a plumber member may not reside in a county or area of a county that is exempted from the title governing the board. The seven plumber members must be from different geographical areas as follows:

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

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. The board must pay all monies it collects into the general fund.

Background: The 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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