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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 388 (Senator Klausmeier)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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

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This bill increases the membership of the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVACR) Contractors from seven to nine by adding two licensed master HVACR contractors. When making appointments to the board, the Governor must consider, from lists submitted to the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, contain nominees to the board. Two nominees must be considered from a list jointly submitted by the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) Central Maryland Chapter and the ACCA National Chapter. One nominee must be considered from a list submitted by any of the following: the Maryland Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors Inc.; the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486; and the Washington, D.C. Building and Construction Trades Council and the Baltimore Building and Construction Trades Council, jointly. The bill requires the Governor to consider demographic and geographic diversity when making appointments to the board.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Increased expenditures for reimbursement of two additional board members' travel expenses could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** The HVACR 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 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.

No two members may reside in the same city, county, or political subdivision. A term for a member is three years.

**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.

The Maryland Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors, Inc. has represented HVACR contractors in Maryland for more than 112 years. The Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486 was established in Baltimore in 1995 and represents more than 2,000 plumbers and steamfitters.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** HB 21 of 2003, a similar bill, received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee. The 2003 cross file, SB 613, received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs committee.

**Cross File:** None.

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