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By: **Washington County Delegation**  
 Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2005  
 Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Electrical Board - Adoption of Regulations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Washington County Electrical Board to adopt  
 4 regulations for the approval of certain licensing agreements, the enforcement of  
 5 codes and certain permitting issues, and providing timely notice of meetings to  
 6 certain individuals; requiring the Board of County Commissioners for  
 7 Washington County to either approve or reject certain regulations prior to the  
 8 Washington County Electrical Board's adoption of these regulations; requiring  
 9 the Washington County Electrical Board to give notice of the adoption of certain  
 10 regulations; and generally relating to the adoption of regulations by the  
 11 Washington County Electrical Board.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 13 The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
 14 Section 8-104(b)  
 15 Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
 16 (1991 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, as amended)

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

19 **Article 22 - Washington County**

20 8-104.

21 (b) (1) The Board shall adopt regulations for:

22 (I) the examinations AND LICENSING of Master Electricians [and  
 23 for];

24 (II) THE APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL LICENSING AGREEMENTS  
 25 WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH SIMILAR  
 26 REGULATIONS;

1 (III) THE ENFORCEMENT OF CODES AND CERTAIN PERMITTING  
2 ISSUES RELATED TO ELECTRICAL WORK, INCLUDING THE ADJUDICATION OF  
3 DISPUTES;

4 (IV) PROVIDING TIMELY NOTICE OF MEETINGS TO THOSE WHO  
5 HAVE MADE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE; AND

6 (V) the placement, installation, and operation of electrical wires,  
7 appliances, apparatus, or construction in, upon, and about buildings in Washington  
8 County.

9 (2) (I) [When adopted,] PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF ANY NEW OR  
10 AMENDED REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL  
11 REVIEW THE REGULATIONS.

12 (II) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY EITHER APPROVE OR  
13 REJECT THE REGULATIONS FOLLOWING THEIR REVIEW IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF  
14 THIS PARAGRAPH.

15 (3) (I) IF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE REGULATIONS  
16 AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND THE BOARD ADOPTS  
17 THESE REGULATIONS, the regulations have the same force and effect as law. [The  
18 regulations of the Board also shall provide for the giving of timely notice of such  
19 meetings to all those who have made application for a license.]

20 (II) IF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REJECT THE REGULATIONS  
21 AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD MAY NOT ADOPT  
22 THE REGULATIONS.

23 (4) THE BOARD SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF NEW OR  
24 AMENDED REGULATIONS.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2005.