
By: **Washington County Delegation**
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CHAPTER_____

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:

1 (I) the examinations AND LICENSING of Master Electricians [and
2 for];

3 (II) THE APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL LICENSING AGREEMENTS
4 WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH SIMILAR
5 REGULATIONS;

6 (III) THE ENFORCEMENT OF CODES AND CERTAIN PERMITTING
7 ISSUES RELATED TO ELECTRICAL WORK, INCLUDING THE ADJUDICATION OF
8 DISPUTES;

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

11 (V) the placement, installation, and operation of electrical wires,
12 appliances, apparatus, or construction in, upon, and about buildings in Washington
13 County.

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

17 (II) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY EITHER APPROVE OR
18 REJECT THE REGULATIONS FOLLOWING THEIR REVIEW IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF
19 THIS PARAGRAPH.

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

25 (II) IF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REJECT THE REGULATIONS
26 AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD MAY NOT ADOPT
27 THE REGULATIONS.

28 (4) THE BOARD SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF NEW OR
29 AMENDED REGULATIONS.

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

