

# HOUSE BILL 1175

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electricians, Gas Fitters, HVAC Contractors, and Plumbers – Display of**  
3 **Licenses and License Numbers**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county or municipal corporation from requiring a  
5 certain licensed electrician, gas fitter, plumber, or heating, ventilation,  
6 air-conditioning, and refrigeration (HVAC) contractor to display a certain  
7 license on certain vehicles used for providing certain services; requiring a  
8 master electrician to display a certain license number on certain vehicles used  
9 for providing certain services; and generally relating to the display of licenses  
10 and license numbers on vehicles.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
13 Section 6–301 and 12–311  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Business Regulation  
18 Section 9A–401  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

24 6–301.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) Each county shall:

2 (1) adopt regulations that have qualifications comparable to § 6–304,  
3 to provide for the licensing and regulation of master electricians; or

4 (2) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as a  
5 master electrician; and

6 (ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

7 (b) Each municipal corporation shall:

8 (1) adopt regulations that have qualifications comparable to, or more  
9 stringent than, § 6–304 of this subtitle to provide for the licensing and regulation of  
10 master electricians;

11 (2) adopt the electrical rules and regulations of the county in which  
12 the municipal corporation is located; or

13 (3) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as a  
14 master electrician; and

15 (ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

16 **(C) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT ADOPT A**  
17 **REGULATION OR ENACT A LAW THAT REQUIRES A PERSON LICENSED UNDER**  
18 **THIS SUBTITLE TO DISPLAY A LICENSE ON EACH VEHICLE USED ON THE JOB FOR**  
19 **PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES.**

20 **(D) EACH LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN SHALL DISPLAY THE STATE**  
21 **LICENSE NUMBER OF THE LICENSEE ON EACH VEHICLE USED ON THE JOB FOR**  
22 **PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES.**

23 12–311.

24 (a) (1) Each master plumber shall display:

25 (i) the master plumber license and the license number  
26 conspicuously in the principal place of business of the master plumber; and

27 (ii) the license number of the master plumber license on each  
28 vehicle used on the job for providing plumbing services.

29 (2) Each holder of a limited master plumber license shall display:

(i) the limited master plumber license and the license number conspicuously in the principal place of business of the holder of the limited master plumber license; and

(ii) the license number of the limited master plumber license on each vehicle used on the job for providing plumbing services.

(3) Each holder of a propane gas fitter certificate shall display:

(i) the propane gas fitter certificate and the certificate number conspicuously in the principal place of business of the certificate holder; and

(ii) the certificate number of the propane gas fitter certification on each vehicle used on the job in providing propane gas services.

(4) Each holder of a master natural gas fitters license shall display:

(i) the master natural gas fitters license and the license number conspicuously in the principal place of business of the license holder; and

(ii) the license number of the master natural gas fitters license on each vehicle used on the job for providing natural gas services.

**(B) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT REQUIRE A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO DISPLAY A LICENSE ON EACH VEHICLE USED ON THE JOB FOR PROVIDING PLUMBING, NATURAL GAS FITTING, OR PROPANE GAS FITTING SERVICES.**

~~[(b)]~~ (C) Each licensee shall give the Board and any appropriate licensing authority written notice of any change of name, address, or employment from that which appears on the current license, at least 10 working days before the change is to take effect.

## **Article – Business Regulation**

9A-401.

(a) Each licensed master, master restricted, or limited heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor shall display:

(1) the license and the license number conspicuously in the principal place of business of the licensee; and

(2) the license number of the licensee on each vehicle used on the job for providing heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services.

1           **(B) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT REQUIRE A**  
2 **PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO DISPLAY A LICENSE ON EACH**  
3 **VEHICLE USED ON THE JOB FOR PROVIDING HEATING, VENTILATION,**  
4 **AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION SERVICES.**

5           **[(b)] (C)** Each licensee shall give the Board written notice of any change of  
6 name, address, or employment from that which appears on the current license, at least  
7 10 working days before the change is to take effect.

8           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2009.