

SENATE BILL 607

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Economic Matters* —

Introduced by **Senator Benson**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Occupations – Plumbers and Gas Fitters – Apprentice License**
3 **Renewal**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Plumbing from renewing certain
5 apprentice plumber licenses or apprentice natural gas fitters licenses for more
6 than a certain number of consecutive terms under certain circumstances;
7 *establishing a certain exception*; and generally relating to the license renewal of
8 apprentice plumbers and apprentice natural gas fitters.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
11 Section 12–101(b) and (c) and 12–307(c) and (g)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
3 Section 12–308(a)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

6 BY adding to
7 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
8 Section 12–308.1
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

14 12–101.

15 (b) “Apprentice natural gas fitter” means, unless the context requires
16 otherwise, an individual who is licensed by the Board to assist a master natural gas
17 fitter in providing natural gas services while:

18 (1) under the direction and control of the master natural gas fitter;
19 and

20 (2) in training to become a journeyman natural gas fitter.

21 (c) “Apprentice plumber” means, unless the context requires otherwise, an
22 individual who is licensed by the Board to assist a master plumber or a holder of a
23 limited master plumber license in providing plumbing services while:

24 (1) under the direction and control of the master plumber or holder of
25 the limited master plumber license; and

26 (2) in training to become a journey plumber.

27 12–307.

28 (c) While an apprentice plumber license is in effect, it authorizes the licensee
29 to assist in providing plumbing services only under the direction and control of a
30 master plumber or a holder of a limited master plumber license.

31 (g) While an apprentice natural gas fitters license is in effect, it authorizes
32 the licensee to provide natural gas service only under the direction and control of a
33 licensed master natural gas fitter.

1 12-308.

2 (a) [Unless] **SUBJECT TO § 12-308.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, UNLESS** a
 3 license is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section, the license expires on
 4 the first May 1 that comes:

5 (1) after the effective date of the license; and

6 (2) in an odd-numbered year.

7 **12-308.1.**

8 (A) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, FOR AN**
 9 **APPRENTICE PLUMBER OR APPRENTICE NATURAL GAS FITTER ISSUED AN**
 10 **INITIAL LICENSE ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2012, THE BOARD MAY NOT RENEW**
 11 **THE LICENSE FOR MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS IF THE LICENSEE**
 12 **HAS NOT TAKEN OR REGISTERED TO TAKE A JOURNEY PLUMBER EXAMINATION**
 13 **OR JOURNEYMAN GAS FITTERS EXAMINATION.**

14 (B) **NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, IF AN**
 15 **APPRENTICE PLUMBER OR APPRENTICE NATURAL GAS FITTER FAILS A**
 16 **JOURNEY PLUMBER EXAMINATION OR JOURNEYMAN GAS FITTERS**
 17 **EXAMINATION, THE BOARD ~~MAY~~ SHALL RENEW THE APPRENTICE PLUMBER**
 18 **LICENSE OR APPRENTICE NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE FOR AN ADDITIONAL**
 19 **2-YEAR TERM FOR EACH FAILED EXAMINATION.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 21 October 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.