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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Licensing and Continuing Education Requirements for**
3 **Electricians**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Licensing and Continuing
5 Education Requirements for Electricians; providing for the composition, chair,
6 and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from
7 receiving certain compensation, but authorizing reimbursement of certain
8 expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations
9 regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and
10 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a
11 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
12 the Task Force to Study Licensing and Continuing Education Requirements for
13 Electricians.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Licensing and Continuing Education
17 Requirements for Electricians.

18 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

19 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
20 of the Senate;

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.



1 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
2 the House;

3 (3) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the
4 Secretary's designee; and

5 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

6 (i) one representative of the Maryland Uniform Electrical
7 Licensing Examination Committee, Inc.;

8 (ii) one representative of a local electrical board that licenses
9 journeyman electricians;

10 (iii) one representative of a local electrical board with an
11 established continuing education program;

12 (iv) one representative of the National Electrical Contractors
13 Association;

14 ~~(iii)~~ (v) one representative of the Maryland Association of
15 Counties;

16 ~~(iv)~~ (vi) one representative of the International Brotherhood of
17 Electrical Workers;

18 ~~(v)~~ (vii) one representative of Independent Electrical
19 Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake; and

20 ~~(vi)~~ (viii) one member of the State Board of Master Electricians.

21 (c) The Task Force shall elect a chair from among its members.

22 (d) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall provide staff
23 for the Task Force.

24 (e) A member of the Task Force:

25 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

26 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
27 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

28 (f) The Task Force shall:

1 (1) examine proposed changes to the State licensing requirements for
2 electricians in the State;

3 (2) ~~review local electrician licensing requirements and issues relating~~
4 ~~to transitioning to a single, statewide license;~~

5 (3) ~~examine the effect on local boards of electricians and local~~
6 ~~governments of proposed changes reviewed under items (1) and (2) of this subsection~~
7 review appropriate approaches for the licensure of electricians at the State and local
8 level to protect citizens and provide for efficiency of electrical services across county
9 lines;

10 (3) if a new approach to licensure is deemed appropriate, consider how
11 this change affects electricians currently licensed at the State and local level, and the
12 boards that currently oversee licensure at the State and local level;

13 (4) make recommendations relating to statewide continuing education
14 requirements for electricians; ~~and~~

15 (5) make recommendations for other legislation relating to licensing
16 requirements for electricians;

17 (6) make findings and recommendations regarding the effect of
18 statewide licensing on barriers to entry into the electrician marketplace; and

19 (7) make findings and recommendations as to the causal link between
20 a continuing education program and benefits to the professional practice of an
21 electrician.

22 (g) On or before November 15, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings
23 and recommendations for legislation to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246
24 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
27 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.