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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the powers and duties of the State Board of Master
4 Electricians; changing the name of the State Board of Master Electricians to the
5 State Board of Electricians; requiring the Department, on or before a certain date,
6 to adopt regulations necessary for the regulation and licensing of low-voltage
7 electricians if certain legislation is not enacted on or before a certain date;
8 prohibiting, beginning on a certain date, local jurisdictions from issuing certain
9 licenses; replacing local electrician licenses with local electrician registrations;
10 authorizing local jurisdictions that issued certain licenses before a certain date to
11 issue registrations under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain local
12 jurisdiction, beginning on a certain date, from registering a master-level,
13 journeyman-level, or apprentice-level electrician unless it administers certain
14 examinations and registers certain information with the State Board; requiring
15 certain local jurisdictions to report certain information to the Department on or
16 before a certain date each year; allowing a local jurisdiction to take certain actions
17 against certain licensees under certain circumstances; requiring certain local
18 jurisdictions to administer a certain examination in a certain manner; requiring each
19 county and each municipal corporation to enforce certain provisions of law and adopt
20 certain regulations or require certain State licenses under certain circumstances;
21 altering certain licensing and examination requirements; repealing a certain
22 provision of law stating that certain provisions of law do not require certain
23 individuals to hold a State license; altering certain reciprocity requirements for
24 certain individuals authorized to provide electrical services in other states;
25 establishing certain continuing education requirements; authorizing the State Board

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 to waive certain examination requirements and certain experience requirements for
 2 certain licensees in certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which
 3 the State Board may deny a license to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, or suspend
 4 or revoke a license; authorizing the State Board to set certain fees; providing for the
 5 construction of a certain provision of law; requiring a master electrician to display
 6 certain information in a certain manner; requiring a licensee to give the State Board
 7 certain notice of a change in certain information; prohibiting a person from ~~taking~~
 8 ~~certain actions without a license~~ employing an individual to provide or assist in
 9 providing electrical services unless the individual meets certain licensing
 10 requirements; requiring, subject to a certain exception, the presence of a certain
 11 electrician at a certain job site; providing that a local jurisdiction is not precluded
 12 from enforcing certain more stringent requirements; establishing certain penalties
 13 for certain violations; requiring the State Board to provide a certain notice to each
 14 local board in the State; altering certain definitions; defining certain terms; making
 15 stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to the State Board of
 16 Electricians and the licensing and regulation of electricians.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Business Occupations and Professions

19 Section 6–101 through 6–103; 6–201, 6–202(h)(2), and 6–205 to be under the
 20 amended subtitle “Subtitle 2. State Board of Electricians”; 6–301, 6–302
 21 through 6–306, 6–307, 6–308, 6–310(c)(4) and (e), 6–311(b)(2) and (3), (c), and
 22 (d)(1), 6–312, 6–315, 6–316, 6–319(c) and (d)(1), 6–321(a)(2) and (b), 6–401
 23 through 6–603, 6–604(b), and 6–701

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

26 BY adding to

27 Article – Business Occupations and Professions

28 Section 6–104, 6–307.1, and 6–605 through 6–608

29 Annotated Code of Maryland

30 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

31 BY repealing

32 Article – Business Occupations and Professions

33 Section 6–605

34 Annotated Code of Maryland

35 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

36 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

37 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

38 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

39 6–101.

40 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (b) (1) “Assignment of local [license] **REGISTRATION**” means any procedure
2 by which a licensee **OR REGISTRANT** grants to another person a right to use a local
3 [license] **REGISTRATION** to enable that person to engage in the business of providing
4 electrical services.

5 (2) “Assignment of local [license] **REGISTRATION**” includes any
6 procedure by which:

7 (i) a licensee **OR REGISTRANT** agrees to be the representative of
8 another person; and

9 (ii) by virtue of that agreement, the other person is authorized to
10 engage in the business of providing electrical services.

11 (c) “Engage in the business of providing electrical services” means to engage in
12 providing electrical services for compensation.

13 (d) (1) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued
14 by the State Board [or a local jurisdiction] to provide **OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING** electrical
15 services.

16 (2) **“LICENSE” INCLUDES, UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES**
17 **OTHERWISE:**

18 (I) **A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE; AND**

19 (II) **A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE.**

20 (E) **“LICENSED APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN” MEANS, UNLESS THE CONTEXT**
21 **REQUIRES OTHERWISE, AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD**
22 **TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES WHILE:**

23 (1) **UNDER THE DIRECTION OR CONTROL OF A LICENSED MASTER**
24 **ELECTRICIAN; AND**

25 (2) **IN TRAINING TO BECOME A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN.**

26 (F) **“LICENSED JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN” MEANS, UNLESS THE**
27 **CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE**
28 **BOARD TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES WHILE:**

29 (1) **UNDER THE DIRECTION OR CONTROL OF A LICENSED MASTER**
30 **ELECTRICIAN; AND**

1 **(2) IN TRAINING TO BECOME A MASTER ELECTRICIAN.**

2 **[(e)] (G)** “Licensed master electrician” means, unless the context requires
3 otherwise, a master electrician who is licensed by the State Board [or a local jurisdiction]
4 to provide electrical services.

5 **[(f)] (H)** “Local board” means a board that a local jurisdiction of the State creates
6 to regulate any aspect of the electrical trade.

7 **[(g)] (I)** “Local [license] **REGISTRATION**” means, unless the context requires
8 otherwise, a [license] **REGISTRATION** that is issued by a local board to provide electrical
9 services [as a master electrician].

10 **[(h)] (J)** “Master electrician” means an individual who has the experience,
11 knowledge, and skill to provide electrical services in all aspects of the electrical trade, in a
12 manner that complies with applicable plans, specifications, codes, or law.

13 **[(i)] (K)** (1) “Provide electrical services” means to provide any service in the
14 electrical trade.

15 (2) “Provide electrical services” includes installing, repairing,
16 **MAINTAINING, ERECTING,** or altering any electrical **EQUIPMENT,** wiring, fixture,
17 appliance, apparatus, raceway, [or] conduit, **OR SYSTEM** that:

18 (i) generates, transmits, transforms, or uses electrical energy in any
19 form for light, heat, power, or communication; and

20 (ii) is located within a plant, substation, or elsewhere.

21 **[(j)] (L)** “State Board” means the State Board of [Master] Electricians.

22 **[(k)] (M)** “State license” means a license that is issued by the State Board to [a
23 master] **AN** electrician.

24 6–102.

25 The [policy of the State] **PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE** is to [regulate, throughout the
26 State, those persons who provide electrical services or engage in the business of providing]
27 **ESTABLISH A LICENSING PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN**
28 **PROVIDING** electrical services, **IN ORDER** to safeguard the life, health, property, and
29 public welfare of the citizens of the State.

30 6–103.

31 (a) This title does not affect the right of any local jurisdiction of the State:

1 (1) to regulate **LOCALLY** the quality and character of work of a person who
2 engages in the business of providing electrical services by establishing a system of licenses,
3 permits, fees, and inspections designed to:

4 (i) ensure compliance with and implementation of State and local
5 building laws; or

6 (ii) enforce other local laws protecting public health and safety;

7 (2) to require a person who engages in the business of providing electrical
8 services to submit any plan or specification for approval before the electrical services are
9 provided;

10 (3) to establish a local board **TO:**

11 **(I) CARRY OUT ITEMS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION;**

12 **(II) TAKE ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXCEPT FOR**
13 **REVOCATION OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD, AGAINST THE HOLDER**
14 **OF A LOCAL REGISTRATION OR THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL PERMIT WHO VIOLATES**
15 **ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY LOCAL LAW; AND**

16 **(III) REPORT ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY TO THE STATE**
17 **BOARD;**

18 (4) except as provided in §§ 6–504 and 6–602 of this title **AND SUBJECT**
19 **TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION**, to require an examination before issuing a
20 license to provide electrical services within the local jurisdiction; or

21 (5) to collect, from a person who is licensed with a local board, fees for:

22 (i) an examination for a license to provide electrical services;

23 (ii) issuance and renewal of the license; or

24 (iii) an inspection.

25 (b) If a local jurisdiction licenses any class of electricians other than master
26 electricians, **JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIANS, OR APPRENTICE ELECTRICIANS**, that
27 class is also under the control and supervision of the local board.

28 **(C) (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY NOT ISSUE**
29 **LICENSES FOR APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPerson, OR MASTER ELECTRICIANS.**

1 **(2) A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT LICENSED APPRENTICE-LEVEL,**
2 **JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL, OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS BEFORE JULY 1, 2021,**
3 **MAY CONTINUE TO REGISTER THE ELECTRICIANS ACCORDING TO THE SAME RULES**
4 **AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSES ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, IF THE LOCAL**
5 **JURISDICTION COMPLIES WITH SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

6 **(3) A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT DID NOT LICENSE**
7 **APPRENTICE-LEVEL, JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL, OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS**
8 **BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, MAY CHOOSE TO REGISTER APPRENTICE-LEVEL,**
9 **JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL, OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS IF IT COMPLIES WITH**
10 **SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

11 **(D) IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION CHOOSES TO REGISTER APPRENTICE-LEVEL,**
12 **JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL, OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS UNDER SUBSECTION**
13 **(C) OF THIS SECTION, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL ADMINISTER THE SAME**
14 **EXAMINATION AS THE STATE BOARD AS PROVIDED UNDER § 6-306 OF THIS TITLE.**

15 **(E) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EACH YEAR**
16 **THEREAFTER, A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT REGISTERS APPRENTICE-LEVEL,**
17 **JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL, OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS SHALL REPORT TO**
18 **THE DEPARTMENT:**

19 **(1) EACH APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN REGISTRATION ISSUED IN THE**
20 **PREVIOUS YEAR;**

21 **(2) EACH JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN REGISTRATION ISSUED IN**
22 **THE PREVIOUS YEAR;**

23 **(3) EACH MASTER ELECTRICIAN REGISTRATION ISSUED IN THE**
24 **PREVIOUS YEAR;**

25 **(4) EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT FOR A JOURNEYPerson**
26 **ELECTRICIAN EXAMINATION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR;**

27 **(5) EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN**
28 **EXAMINATION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR; AND**

29 **(6) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES.**

30 **[(c)] (F)** This title may not be construed to waive any requirement of an
31 ordinance or regulation that sets out the type of work to be performed by a person who
32 engages in the business of providing electrical services as required under State or local
33 building laws.

1 **6-104.**

2 **IF THE STATE HAS NOT ENACTED LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A LICENSING**
3 **PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING LOW-VOLTAGE**
4 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, ON**
5 **OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE**
6 **REGULATION AND LICENSING OF LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIANS.**

7 Subtitle 2. State Board of [Master] Electricians.

8 6-201.

9 There is a State Board of [Master] Electricians in the Department.

10 6-202.

11 (h) (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection and subject to
12 paragraph (4) of this subsection, a member shall be considered to have resigned if the
13 member did not attend at least two-thirds of the **STATE** Board meetings held during any
14 consecutive 12-month period while the member was serving on the **STATE** Board.

15 6-205.

16 (A) In addition to any powers and duties set forth elsewhere, the State Board
17 shall:

18 (1) twice a year hold a seminar and invite members from each local
19 licensing jurisdiction to discuss any industry or licensing problems; [and]

20 (2) adopt regulations to establish:

21 (i) application and examination fees;

22 (ii) continuing education requirements; and

23 (iii) application deadlines;

24 (3) **ENFORCE, WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF ISSUANCE, MINIMUM**
25 **STANDARDS FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH THE**
26 **MOST RECENTLY ISSUED VERSION OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION**
27 **ASSOCIATION 70: NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE;**

28 (4) **ISSUE LICENSES;**

29 (5) **KEEP RECORDS OF ITS PROCEEDINGS; AND**

1 **(6) ADOPT ANY OTHER REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT**
2 **THIS TITLE.**

3 **(B) THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER THIS**
4 **SECTION SHALL:**

5 **(1) BE BASED ON THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE OR ANY LOCAL**
6 **VARIANTS ADOPTED BY A LOCAL BOARD;**

7 **(2) CONSIST OF A COURSE OR TRAINING ON PRACTICAL TECHNIQUES,**
8 **INSTALLATION PROCEDURES, OR OTHER RELEVANT TOPICS; AND**

9 **(3) BE ADMINISTERED BY:**

10 **(I) A COLLEGE OR AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPROVED**
11 **BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE FEDERAL**
12 **OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP;**

13 **(II) A STATE OR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TRAINING**
14 **PROGRAM; OR**

15 **(III) ANOTHER PERSON APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.**

16 6–301.

17 (a) Each county shall:

18 (1) **(I) adopt regulations that have qualifications [comparable to] THAT**
19 **ARE AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THE QUALIFICATIONS UNDER § 6–304 of this subtitle,**
20 **to provide for the [licensing and] regulation AND REGISTRATION of master electricians,**
21 **JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIANS, OR APPRENTICE ELECTRICIANS; AND**

22 **(II) REGISTER APPRENTICE ELECTRICIANS, JOURNEYPerson**
23 **ELECTRICIANS, OR MASTER ELECTRICIANS IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED UNDER §**
24 **6–103 OF THIS TITLE; or**

25 (2) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as a
26 master electrician, **JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN, OR APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN;**
27 and

28 (ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

29 (b) Each municipal corporation shall:

1 (1) **(I)** adopt regulations that have qualifications [comparable to, or
2 more stringent than,] **THAT ARE AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THE QUALIFICATIONS**
3 **UNDER § 6–304** of this subtitle to provide for the [licensing and] regulation **AND**
4 **REGISTRATION** of **APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPERSON, OR** master electricians; **AND**

5 **(II) REGISTER APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN, JOURNEYPERSON**
6 **ELECTRICIAN, OR MASTER ELECTRICIAN REGISTRATIONS IN THE MANNER**
7 **PRESCRIBED UNDER § 6–103 OF THIS TITLE;**

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

10 (3) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as [a] **AN**
11 **APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPERSON, OR** master electrician; and

12 (ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

13 (c) Each licensed **OR REGISTERED** master electrician shall display the State
14 license number [or], the county [license] **REGISTRATION** number [of the licensee], **OR THE**
15 **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION REGISTRATION NUMBER** on each vehicle used on the job for
16 providing electrical services.

17 (d) A county or municipal corporation may not adopt a resolution or enact a law
18 that requires a person licensed **OR REGISTERED** under this subtitle who is compliant with
19 subsection (c) of this section to display additional license **OR REGISTRATION** numbers on
20 each vehicle used on the job for providing electrical services.

21 6–302.

22 (a) In a local jurisdiction that requires [a] local [license] **REGISTRATION AND**
23 **HAS QUALIFIED TO REGISTER ELECTRICIANS LOCALLY UNDER § 6–103 OF THIS**
24 **TITLE**, the State license, while the State license is in effect, serves only as a mechanism
25 that helps a licensee in obtaining a local [license] **REGISTRATION** under §§ 6–601 and
26 6–602 of this title.

27 (b) If a county or municipal corporation does not require [a] local [license]
28 **REGISTRATION**, the State license, while the State license is in effect, authorizes the
29 licensee to:

30 (1) provide electrical services [as a master electrician]; or

31 (2) be the representative of another person who engages in the business of
32 providing electrical services.

33 6–303.

1 [(a) This subtitle does not require an individual to hold a State license while the
2 individual provides electrical services as an employee or subordinate of a master electrician
3 licensed by the State Board if:

4 (1) the individual provides electrical services while under the control and
5 supervision of the licensee; and

6 (2) the licensee is responsible for the electrical services that the individual
7 provides.

8 (b)] This subtitle does not require:

9 (1) a public utility company to employ [a master electrician] **AN**
10 **ELECTRICIAN LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD** to represent the company while the
11 company is engaging in the business of providing electrical services to a facility of the
12 company that:

13 (i) is regulated by the Public Service Commission; and

14 (ii) is located on any premises, roadway, or right-of-way in which
15 the company has a lawful interest; [or]

16 (2) an employee of a public utility company to hold a State license while
17 the employee provides electrical services to a facility of the company that:

18 (i) is regulated by the Public Service Commission; and

19 (ii) is located on any premises, roadway, or right-of-way in which
20 the company has a lawful interest; **OR**

21 **(3) A PERSON TO HOLD A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD IF**
22 **THE PERSON:**

23 **(I) IS LICENSED OR REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 18 OF THIS**
24 **ARTICLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY SYSTEM SERVICES AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE**
25 **SCOPE OF THAT LICENSE;**

26 **(II) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 12 OF THIS**
27 **ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT LICENSE;**

28 **(III) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 9A OF THE**
29 **BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT**
30 **LICENSE; OR**

1 **(IV) PROVIDES WIRELESS SECURITY SYSTEMS IN COMPLIANCE**
2 **WITH TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 9 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.**

3 6–304.

4 (a) To qualify for a State license, an applicant shall [be an individual who meets]
5 **MEET** the requirements of this section.

6 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, [the] **AN** applicant **FOR A**
7 **MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE** shall have been engaged or employed regularly and
8 principally in providing electrical services for all types of electrical equipment and
9 [apparatus] **APPARATUSES** for at least 7 years while under the direction and supervision
10 of:

11 (i) a master electrician; or

12 (ii) a similarly qualified employee of a governmental unit.

13 (2) The State Board may allow an applicant up to 3 years of credit toward
14 the experience required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, if the State Board
15 determines that the applicant has completed a formal course of study or professional
16 training in electrical installation comparable to the required experience.

17 **(C) AN APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE SHALL**
18 **HAVE BEEN ENGAGED OR EMPLOYED REGULARLY AND PRINCIPALLY IN PROVIDING**
19 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR ALL TYPES OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND**
20 **APPARATUSES FOR AT LEAST 4 YEARS WHILE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND**
21 **SUPERVISION OF:**

22 **(1) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN; OR**

23 **(2) AN EMPLOYEE OF A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT WHO IS SIMILARLY**
24 **QUALIFIED AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSED UNDER THIS TITLE.**

25 **[(c)] (D)** Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the applicant shall pass
26 an examination given by the State Board under this subtitle.

27 **[(d)] (E)** The State Board may investigate the qualifications of each applicant to
28 determine whether the applicant meets the requirements of this section.

29 6–305.

30 An applicant for a State license shall:

31 (1) submit to the State Board an application on the form that the State
32 Board provides; and

1 (2) pay to the State Board [or the State Board's designee an examination]
2 **AN APPLICATION** fee set by the **STATE** Board in an amount not to exceed the cost of the
3 required examination.

4 6-306.

5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in § 6-306.1 of this subtitle, an applicant who
6 otherwise qualifies for a State license is entitled to be examined as provided in this section.

7 (b) The State Board shall give examinations to qualified applicants at least twice
8 a year, at the dates, times, and places that the State Board determines.

9 (c) (1) At least 15 days before the examination, the State Board shall notify
10 each applicant whether the applicant is eligible to be examined under this section.

11 (2) The notice shall specify the passing score for [the examination]
12 **EXAMINATIONS GIVEN UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

13 (d) (1) The State Board shall determine the subjects [and], scope, **AND,**
14 **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, FORM** of the examination from a list of
15 questions submitted by the Maryland Uniform Electrical Licensing Examination
16 Committee, Inc.

17 (2) The State Board shall choose examination questions that:

18 (i) test the applicant's knowledge of all applicable codes, laws, or
19 principles of electrical installation; and

20 (ii) are constructed to determine the fitness of the applicant for a
21 State license.

22 (3) The State Board may appoint a committee to develop examination
23 questions **FOR EXAMINATIONS GIVEN UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

24 (e) The form of [the] **EACH** examination shall be objective and written.

25 (f) The passing score for [the] **EACH** examination shall be 70%.

26 **(G) AN APPLICANT SHALL PAY TO THE STATE BOARD OR THE STATE**
27 **BOARD'S DESIGNEE AN EXAMINATION FEE SET BY THE STATE BOARD NOT TO**
28 **EXCEED THE COST OF THE REQUIRED EXAMINATION.**

29 **[(g)] (H)** Within 45 days after the examination, the State Board shall mail or
30 electronically transmit to each applicant notice of the applicant's examination score.

1 **[(h)] (I)** On written request to the State Board, an applicant who failed an
2 examination may review the answers that the applicant gave and the scores for those
3 answers, at a time and place that the State Board determines.

4 **[(i)] (J)** (1) If an applicant fails to appear for a scheduled examination, the
5 applicant may reapply for an examination.

6 (2) The applicant:

7 (i) shall submit to the State Board an application for reexamination
8 on the form that the State Board provides; and

9 (ii) unless, for good cause, the State Board waives payment of the
10 examination fee, shall again pay the examination fee under **[\$ 6–305] SUBSECTION (G)** of
11 this **[subtitle] SECTION**.

12 6–307.

13 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, the State Board shall waive **[the]**
14 examination requirements of this **[subtitle] TITLE** for an individual who holds **[a] AN**
15 **ACTIVE** local **[license] REGISTRATION**.

16 (b) The State Board shall grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:

17 (1) pays the application fee established by the State Board under **[\$ 6–205]**
18 **§ 6–305** of this **[title] SUBTITLE**;

19 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

20 (i) meets the qualifications otherwise required by this subtitle; and

21 (ii) **[is] WAS** licensed in a local jurisdiction **BEFORE DECEMBER 31,**
22 **2022**, after:

23 1. passing, in that local jurisdiction, an examination that is
24 equivalent to the examination for which the applicant is seeking the waiver; and

25 2. meeting, in that local jurisdiction, requirements that are
26 equivalent to the licensing requirements of this **[subtitle] TITLE**; and

27 (3) submits a statement from the local jurisdiction certifying:

28 (i) the applicant is in good standing with the local jurisdiction;

29 (ii) the applicant obtained the local license by taking an examination
30 equivalent to **[the] ANY** examination given by the State Board; and

1 (iii) the date of the local examination.

2 (c) An initial State license that is obtained under this section may not be
3 reinstated unless the requirements of § 6–312 of this subtitle are met.

4 **6–307.1.**

5 **THE STATE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN**
6 **APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN LICENSE IF THE APPLICANT:**

7 **(1) (I) PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF OF 3 YEARS OF WORK**
8 **EXPERIENCE PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL AND**
9 **DIRECTION OF A MASTER ELECTRICIAN; AND**

10 **(II) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO THE STATE**
11 **BOARD ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2022; OR**

12 **(2) PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HAS**
13 **SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN ELECTRICIAN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**
14 **APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE**
15 **FEDERAL OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP THAT CONSISTS OF:**

16 **(I) AT LEAST 576 CLASSROOM HOURS; AND**

17 **(II) 8,000 HOURS OF WORK EXPERIENCE.**

18 **6–308.**

19 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, on the affirmative vote of at least a
20 majority of the authorized membership of the State Board, the State Board may waive the
21 examination requirements of this subtitle for an individual who is licensed to provide
22 electrical services as a master electrician **OR JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN** in another
23 state.

24 (b) The State Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:

25 (1) pays the appropriate application fee set by the **STATE** Board under [§
26 6–205(2)] **§ 6–305** of this [title] **SUBTITLE**; and

27 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

28 (i) meets the qualifications otherwise required by this [subtitle]
29 **TITLE**;

1 (ii) holds an active license in good standing in the other state;

2 (iii) holds a license that is equivalent to the [State] license ISSUED
3 BY THE STATE BOARD; [and]

4 (iv) **FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE APPLICANT**, meets a
5 7-year experience requirement in providing electrical services, at least 4 years of which
6 must have been gained prior to licensure in the other state, while under the supervision of
7 a master electrician or similarly qualified employee of a governmental unit;

8 (v) **FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE**
9 **APPLICANT, MEETS A 4-YEAR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT IN PROVIDING**
10 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES, AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN GAINED**
11 **PRIOR TO LICENSURE IN THE OTHER STATE, WHILE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A**
12 **MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR SIMILARLY QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE OF A GOVERNMENTAL**
13 **UNIT; AND**

14 (vi) **WAS LICENSED IN THE OTHER STATE BY EXAMINATION,**
15 **AFTER MEETING REQUIREMENTS IN THAT STATE THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY**
16 **EQUIVALENT TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE.**

17 (c) The State Board may grant a waiver only if the state in which the applicant
18 is licensed waives the examination of licensees of this State to a similar extent as this State
19 waives the examination requirements for individuals licensed in that state.

20 [(d) The Board may allow an applicant up to 3 years credit toward the experience
21 required under subsection (b)(2) of this section, if the State Board determines that the
22 applicant has completed a formal course of study or professional training in electrical
23 installation comparable to the required experience.]

24 (d) **THE STATE BOARD MAY NOT GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION TO**
25 **AN APPLICANT WHO IS LICENSED SOLELY IN A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED**
26 **STATES.**

27 (e) **THE STATE BOARD SHALL PURSUE A POLICY OF RECIPROCAL**
28 **RECOGNITION OF ELECTRICIAN LICENSES AWARDED IN OTHER STATES.**

29 6-310.

30 (c) Before a State license expires, the State licensee periodically may renew it for
31 an additional 2-year term, if the State licensee:

32 (4) submits to the State Board a renewal application on the form that the
33 State Board provides **AND ADEQUATE EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF THE**

1 **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL ESTABLISHED BY**
2 **THE STATE BOARD.**

3 (e) A State license to provide **OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING** electrical services is not
4 transferable.

5 6–311.

6 (b) The State Board shall place an applicant for an initial State license on inactive
7 status and issue an inactive status certificate to the applicant, if the applicant:

8 (2) pays to the State Board an inactive status application fee [of an amount
9 equal to the State license fee under § 6–309 of this subtitle] **SET BY THE STATE BOARD;**
10 and

11 (3) except for the **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF §**
12 **6–310(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE** insurance requirements of § 6–604 of this title,
13 qualifies for an active State license.

14 (c) (1) A **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** licensee on inactive status may not use a
15 State license to obtain a local [license] **REGISTRATION** for providing electrical services as
16 a master electrician in a local jurisdiction of the State.

17 (2) In a county that requires a State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license, a
18 licensee on inactive status may not provide electrical services as a master electrician.

19 (d) (1) Unless the individual applies for another 2–year term as provided in
20 this subsection, an individual on inactive status loses that status [on the first June 30 that
21 comes:

22 (i) after the inactive status registration certificate is issued to the
23 licensee; and

24 (ii) in an odd–numbered year] **ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE**
25 **INACTIVE STATUS.**

26 6–312.

27 (a) The State Board shall reinstate the State license of [a master electrician] **AN**
28 **INDIVIDUAL** who is not on inactive status and who has failed to renew the State license for
29 any reason, if the [master electrician] **INDIVIDUAL:**

30 (1) applies to the State Board for reinstatement within 2 years after the
31 State license expires;

32 (2) meets the renewal requirements of § 6–310 of this subtitle; and

1 (3) in addition to the renewal fee required under § 6–310 of this subtitle,
2 pays to the State Board a reinstatement fee set by the State Board.

3 (b) If [a master electrician] **AN INDIVIDUAL** who has failed to renew the State
4 license for any reason applies for reinstatement more than 2 years after the State license
5 has expired, the State Board shall require the [master electrician] **INDIVIDUAL** to pay a
6 reinstatement fee set by the State Board, and comply with the requirements for obtaining
7 a State license under §§ 6–304 and 6–307 of this subtitle and § 6–503 of this title.

8 6–315.

9 The State Board may investigate or act in a disciplinary proceeding against a
10 [licensed master electrician] **LICENSEE** notwithstanding:

11 (1) a lapse, by operation of law, of the State license of the [master
12 electrician] **LICENSEE**;

13 (2) a suspension of the State license of the [master electrician] **LICENSEE**
14 by order of the State Board or a court; or

15 (3) a voluntary surrender of the State license of the [master electrician]
16 **LICENSEE** to the State Board.

17 6–316.

18 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 6–317 of this subtitle, the State Board
19 may deny a State license to any applicant, reprimand any State licensee, or suspend or
20 revoke a State license if the applicant or State licensee:

21 (1) fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a State license
22 for the applicant, State licensee, or another person;

23 (2) fraudulently or deceptively uses a State license;

24 (3) transfers the authority granted by a State license to another person;

25 (4) engages in an unfair or deceptive trade practice, as defined in § 13–301
26 of the Commercial Law Article;

27 (5) willfully or deliberately disregards and violates a building code,
28 electrical code, or law of the State or a local jurisdiction;

29 (6) under the laws of the United States or of any state, is convicted of:

30 (i) a felony; or

- 1 (ii) a misdemeanor that is directly related to the fitness and
2 qualification of the applicant or licensee to provide electrical services;
- 3 (7) aids or abets a person to evade a provision of this title;
- 4 (8) willfully or deliberately disregards disciplinary action taken by a local
5 jurisdiction **AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF**
6 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES;**
- 7 (9) fails in a material respect to comply with a provision of this title;
- 8 (10) fails to train and control adequately a person who, while under the
9 supervision of the State licensee, sells or estimates electrical work **OR PROVIDES OR**
10 **ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES;**
- 11 (11) fails to maintain a local [license] **REGISTRATION, IF REQUIRED,**
12 **under § 6–601 of this title; [or]**
- 13 (12) fails to maintain the general liability and property damage insurance
14 required under § 6–604 of this title;
- 15 **(13) OFFERS OR PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES OUTSIDE THE**
16 **SCOPE OF THE LICENSE HELD BY THE LICENSEE;**
- 17 **(14) PERMITS ANOTHER LICENSEE EMPLOYED BY THE INDIVIDUAL TO**
18 **PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL’S**
19 **LICENSE;**
- 20 **(15) WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION, FAILS TO PERFORM A CONTRACT OR**
21 **ABANDONS A PROJECT TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES;**
- 22 **(16) PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES THAT ARE INADEQUATE OR**
23 **INCOMPLETE, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT OR A PROJECT;**
- 24 **(17) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PUBLISHES AN ADVERTISEMENT**
25 **RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES THAT CONTAINS A**
26 **REPRESENTATION OR STATEMENT THAT IS FALSE, DECEPTIVE, OR MISLEADING;**
- 27 **(18) CERTIFIES ON A LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION THAT THE**
28 **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF LICENSE RENEWAL HAS BEEN**
29 **COMPLETED IF THE LICENSEE HAS NOT FULLY COMPLETED THE CONTINUING**
30 **EDUCATION REQUIREMENT AT THE TIME THE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION IS**
31 **SUBMITTED;**

1 **(19) VIOLATES ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE; OR**

2 **(20) VIOLATES ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE.**

3 (b) Allowing a State license to be used by another person is, in a disciplinary
4 proceeding under this section, prima facie evidence that a State licensee transferred the
5 authority granted by a State license to another person.

6 (c) The **STATE** Board shall consider the following facts in the granting, denial,
7 renewal, suspension, or revocation of a State license or the reprimand of a State licensee
8 when an applicant or State licensee is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor described in
9 subsection (a)(6) of this section:

10 (1) the nature of the crime;

11 (2) the relationship of the crime to the activities authorized by the State
12 license;

13 (3) with respect to a felony, the relevance of the conviction to the fitness
14 and qualification of the applicant or State licensee to provide electrical services;

15 (4) the length of time since the conviction; and

16 (5) the behavior and activities of the applicant or State licensee before and
17 after the conviction.

18 **(D) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF A**
19 **LOCAL BOARD TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL**
20 **REGISTRATION OR THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL PERMIT IN THAT JURISDICTION UNDER**
21 **§ 6-103 OF THIS TITLE.**

22 6-319.

23 (c) If [a State license is suspended,] the State Board, **AFTER A HEARING,**
24 **SUSPENDS A LICENSE, THE STATE BOARD** may allow the licensee to complete a contract
25 to provide electrical services that is in progress and uncompleted at the time of suspension.

26 (d) (1) If a State license is revoked, the State Board may reinstate the State
27 license after **NOT LESS THAN** 1 year.

28 6-321.

29 (a) (2) When the State Board receives notice of a local disciplinary action
30 against a licensed [master] electrician, the State Board shall provide notice of the
31 disciplinary action to each local licensing jurisdiction.

1 (b) Each local [licensing] jurisdiction **THAT REGISTERS ELECTRICIANS UNDER**
2 **§ 6-603 OF THIS TITLE** shall submit a report to the State Board on the number of
3 complaints against [master] electricians [licensed] **REGISTERED** in the local jurisdiction
4 on or before December 1 of each year.

5 6-401.

6 (a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual who holds a State
7 **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license or qualifies for a State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license may
8 use the State license to:

9 (1) obtain a local [license] **REGISTRATION**; and

10 (2) assign that local [license] **REGISTRATION** to another person, **IF**
11 **AUTHORIZED BY THAT LOCAL JURISDICTION**, including a sole proprietorship, who
12 engages in the business of providing electrical services.

13 (b) (1) Subject to the limitations in this section, if an individual obtains a State
14 license on the basis of a local [license] **REGISTRATION** under Subtitle 5 of this title and
15 that local [license] **REGISTRATION** has been assigned to a person who engages in the
16 business of providing electrical services, the individual shall identify on the State license
17 the person to whom that local [license] **REGISTRATION** has been assigned.

18 (2) Subject to the limitations in this section, if an individual obtains a local
19 [license] **REGISTRATION** on the basis of a State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license and
20 intends to assign that local [license] **REGISTRATION** to a person who engages in the
21 business of providing electrical services, the individual shall identify on the State license
22 the person to whom that local [license] **REGISTRATION** is to be assigned.

23 (c) (1) If, at the time of application for a State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license,
24 an individual intends to assign a local [license] **REGISTRATION** obtained on the basis of
25 the State license, the individual shall:

26 (i) meet the requirements for issuance of a State license under §
27 6-309 of this title;

28 (ii) include, on the application form submitted to the State Board,
29 the name of the person to whom the local [license] **REGISTRATION** is to be assigned;

30 (iii) pay the appropriate State license fee under § 6-309 of this title;
31 and

32 (iv) submit to the State Board proof of general liability and property
33 damage insurance as required under § 6-604 of this title.

1 (2) If an individual obtains a State license on the basis of a local [license]
2 **REGISTRATION** that has been assigned, the individual shall:

3 (i) meet the requirements for issuance of a State license under §
4 6–309 of this title;

5 (ii) include, on an application form submitted to the State Board, the
6 name of the person to whom the local [license] **REGISTRATION** has been assigned;

7 (iii) pay the appropriate State license fee under § 6–309 of this title;
8 and

9 (iv) submit to the State Board proof of general liability and property
10 damage insurance, **IF APPLICABLE**, as required under § 6–604 of this title.

11 (3) If, after issuance of a State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license to an
12 individual, the individual intends to assign a local [license] **REGISTRATION** obtained on
13 the basis of the State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license, the individual shall:

14 (i) meet the notification requirements of § 6–314 of this title;

15 (ii) submit to the State Board an application for identification of the
16 assignment on the State license;

17 (iii) pay to the State Board an identification fee set by the State
18 Board;

19 (iv) submit to the State Board proof of general liability and property
20 damage insurance as required under § 6–604 of this title; and

21 (v) return the State license.

22 (d) (1) If an individual obtains a local [license] **REGISTRATION** by the use of
23 the State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license of the individual, the local license may be
24 assigned at any 1 time to only 1 person who engages in the business of providing electrical
25 services.

26 (2) If at any time an individual holds 2 or more current local [licenses]
27 **REGISTRATIONS** that were obtained by the use of a State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license,
28 the individual may assign those local [licenses] **REGISTRATIONS** only if the assignment is
29 made to the same person.

30 6–402.

31 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section and § 6–314 of this title, a master
32 electrician who is licensed by the State Board and who assigns a local [license]

1 **REGISTRATION** to a person who engages in the business of providing electrical services
2 may change that assignment.

3 (b) To change an assignment of a local [license] **REGISTRATION**, an applicant
4 shall:

5 (1) submit to the State Board an application on the form that the State
6 Board provides;

7 (2) pay to the State Board a change of status fee set by the State Board;

8 (3) submit to the State Board proof of the change of status of the local
9 [license] **REGISTRATION**; and

10 (4) return the State license to the State Board.

11 (c) On payment of the change of status fee, the State Board shall issue a new
12 license to the applicant.

13 (d) The State Board shall give each local jurisdiction notice of any change in the
14 status of a local [license] **REGISTRATION** obtained by the use of a State license that will
15 affect the status of the State license.

16 6–501.

17 (A) In this subtitle[,] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
18 **INDICATED.**

19 (B) (1) [“reciprocal] **“RECIPROCAL license”**[:

20 (1)] means a license to provide electrical services issued by[:

21 (i)] the State Board on the basis of a [license] **REGISTRATION** issued
22 by a local jurisdiction [; or].

23 (2) **“RECIPROCAL LICENSE” INCLUDES ANY TYPE OR CLASS OF**
24 **LICENSE THAT THE STATE BOARD ISSUES TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES.**

25 [(ii)] (C) (1) **“RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION” MEANS**
26 **REGISTRATION WITH** a local jurisdiction on the basis of [a license issued by]:

27 [1.] (I) **A LICENSE ISSUED BY** the State Board; or

28 [2.] (II) **A REGISTRATION WITH** another local jurisdiction[:

29 and]

1 (2) “**RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION**” includes any type or class of [license
2 that the State Board or] **REGISTRATION WITH** a local jurisdiction [issues] to provide
3 electrical services.

4 6–502.

5 (a) Subject to the limitations in this title, the State Board may reciprocate with a
6 local jurisdiction to waive any of the qualifications required for any license issued under
7 this title for an applicant for a reciprocal license.

8 (b) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, each local jurisdiction may
9 reciprocate with the State Board or another local jurisdiction to waive any local
10 examination requirement and the qualifications required for taking a local examination for
11 an applicant for a reciprocal [license] **REGISTRATION**.

12 6–503.

13 (a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual may qualify for a
14 reciprocal license from the State Board if the individual:

15 (1) [holds a license from] **IS REGISTERED WITH** a local jurisdiction of the
16 State to provide electrical services in the local jurisdiction;

17 (2) applies for a reciprocal license of the same class or type **AS THE**
18 **APPLICANT’S LOCAL REGISTRATION** that the State Board issues; and

19 (3) at the time of application, does not have:

20 (i) the same class or type of [license] **REGISTRATION** suspended or
21 revoked by a local jurisdiction of the State; or

22 (ii) a record of outstanding violations of the regulations of a local
23 jurisdiction of the State.

24 (b) The State Board shall waive any of the qualifications required for a license
25 under this title for an individual who:

26 (1) [holds a license, from] **IS REGISTERED WITH** a local jurisdiction of the
27 State, [of the] **TO PROVIDE THE** same class or type **OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES** as **THOSE**
28 **PERMITTED BY** the license for which the applicant is seeking a waiver; and

29 (2) meets the waiver requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

30 (c) The State Board shall grant a waiver under this section for an applicant who
31 [holds a license from] **IS REGISTERED WITH** a local jurisdiction only if the applicant:

1 (1) (i) 1. qualified for the [license] **REGISTRATION** by passing an
2 examination given in the local jurisdiction; and

3 2. has [held the license] **BEEN REGISTERED** for at least 1
4 year immediately before the date of application; or

5 (ii) 1. qualified for the [license] **REGISTRATION** other than by
6 passing an examination in the local jurisdiction; and

7 2. has [held the license] **BEEN REGISTERED** for at least 2
8 years immediately before the date of application;

9 (2) submits a written statement from the local jurisdiction certifying:

10 (i) if the [license is issued] **REGISTRATION WAS EARNED** on the
11 basis of an examination, the date of [issuance of the license] **REGISTRATION**; and

12 (ii) the [licensee] **REGISTRANT**:

13 1. is in good standing with the local jurisdiction; and

14 2. has no record of outstanding violations of regulations of
15 the local jurisdiction;

16 (3) pays any reciprocal license fee set by the State Board;

17 (4) if required, submits proof of general liability insurance to the State
18 Board; and

19 (5) complies with any other licensing requirements of the State Board.

20 6–504.

21 (a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual may qualify for a
22 reciprocal [license] **REGISTRATION** from a local jurisdiction of the State if the individual:

23 (1) is [licensed by] **REGISTERED WITH** another local jurisdiction of the
24 State to provide electrical services in that local jurisdiction;

25 (2) applies for a reciprocal [license of] **REGISTRATION TO PROVIDE** the
26 same class or type **OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES** as [the license that] **THOSE PERMITTED**
27 **BY THE REGISTRATION** the individual holds in that local jurisdiction; and

28 (3) at the time of application, does not have:

1 (i) a [license] **REGISTRATION** of the same class or type suspended
2 or revoked by a local jurisdiction of the State; or

3 (ii) a record of outstanding violations of the regulations of a local
4 jurisdiction of the State.

5 (b) A local jurisdiction of the State that [issues a license] **REGISTERS**
6 **INDIVIDUALS** to provide electrical services shall waive any of the [licensing]
7 **REGISTRATION** qualifications of the local jurisdiction for an individual who:

8 (1) (i) is a resident of the State; or

9 (ii) meets the legal requirements of the State for establishing a
10 principal place of business in the State;

11 (2) [holds a license, from] **IS REGISTERED WITH** another local jurisdiction
12 of the State[,] **TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES** of the same class or type as [the
13 license] **THOSE PERMITTED BY THE REGISTRATION** for which the applicant is seeking a
14 waiver; and

15 (3) meets the waiver requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

16 (c) A local jurisdiction shall grant a waiver under this section for an applicant
17 who [holds a license from] **IS REGISTERED WITH** another local jurisdiction only if the
18 applicant:

19 (1) (i) 1. qualified for the [license] **REGISTRATION** by passing an
20 examination given in that local jurisdiction; and

21 2. has [held the license] **BEEN REGISTERED** for at least 1
22 year immediately before the date of application; or

23 (ii) 1. qualified for [the license] **THE REGISTRATION** other than
24 by passing an examination in that local jurisdiction; and

25 2. has [held the license] **BEEN REGISTERED** for at least 2
26 years immediately before the date of application;

27 (2) submits a written statement from the local jurisdiction certifying:

28 (i) if [a license is issued] **A REGISTRATION WAS EARNED** on the
29 basis of an examination, the date of [issuance of the license] **REGISTRATION**; and

30 (ii) the [licensee] **REGISTRANT**:

31 1. is in good standing with the local jurisdiction; and

1 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, an individual who holds a reciprocal
2 license **OR A RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION** may assign it to a person who engages in the
3 business of providing electrical services if the individual is employed principally by the
4 person.

5 (b) An individual may reassign the reciprocal license **OR RECIPROCAL**
6 **REGISTRATION** of the individual once in a fiscal year.

7 6–601.

8 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT HAS**
9 **APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER LOCAL MASTER OR**
10 **JOURNEYPerson REGISTRATION UNDER § 6–103 OF THIS TITLE.**

11 **(B)** Within 60 days after the issuance of a State license to an individual, the
12 individual shall [hold a local license issued by] **REGISTER LOCALLY WITH** the local
13 jurisdiction where the individual:

14 (1) resides;

15 (2) has a principal business office; or

16 (3) has a resident agent.

17 6–602.

18 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, a local jurisdiction shall waive its
19 examination requirements for an individual who is licensed by the State Board to provide
20 electrical services [as a master electrician].

21 (b) A local jurisdiction shall grant a waiver under this section only if the
22 applicant:

23 (1) pays any [license] **REGISTRATION** fee that the local jurisdiction
24 requires; and

25 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

26 (i) is licensed as [a master] **AN** electrician under this title [after
27 passing an examination given by the State Board or complies with § 6–307 of this title];

28 (ii) holds an active State license; and

29 (iii) in place of any bond requirement of a local jurisdiction, meets the
30 insurance requirements of § 6–604 of this subtitle.

1 (c) Within 10 working days after payment of any local [license] **REGISTRATION**
2 fee, a local jurisdiction shall issue a local [license] **REGISTRATION** to each applicant who
3 meets the requirements of this section.

4 6-603.

5 (a) [A master] **AN** electrician may obtain an electrical permit or any other similar
6 permit from a local jurisdiction, if the [master] electrician:

7 (1) [holds an active local license] **IS ACTIVELY REGISTERED LOCALLY**, if
8 required, or **HOLDS** a State license;

9 (2) shows proof of the State license; and

10 (3) pays any permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires.

11 (b) Before a local jurisdiction issues an electrical permit or similar permit to [a
12 master] **AN** electrician under this section, the local jurisdiction shall give the [master]
13 electrician notice of any local electrical requirements with which the [master] electrician
14 shall comply while providing electrical services in that local jurisdiction.

15 (c) On payment of the permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires, the local
16 jurisdiction shall issue the appropriate permit to each applicant who meets the
17 requirements of this section.

18 6-604.

19 (b) A master electrician who is licensed by the State Board and provides electrical
20 services or a person to whom [the] **A master electrician LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD**
21 assigns a local [license] **REGISTRATION** under this title shall:

22 (1) maintain general liability insurance in the amount of at least \$300,000;

23 (2) maintain property damage insurance in the amount of at least
24 \$100,000; and

25 (3) submit proof of the required insurance to the State Board.

26 [6-605.

27 A licensed master electrician or a person to whom a master electrician assigns a local
28 license may employ an individual who is not a licensed master electrician under this title
29 to provide electrical services if the individual provides the services only while under the
30 supervision and control of a licensed master electrician.]

1 **6-605.**

2 (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, A PERSON MAY NOT
3 EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR EMPLOY AN
4 INDIVIDUAL TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES UNLESS THE
5 INDIVIDUAL:

6 (1) IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN;

7 (2) (I) IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A JOURNEYPERSON
8 ELECTRICIAN; AND

9 (II) PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL
10 SERVICES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE; OR

11 (3) (I) IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS AN APPRENTICE
12 ELECTRICIAN; AND

13 (II) PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL
14 SERVICES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE.

15 (B) (1) ~~AT~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
16 SUBSECTION, AT LEAST ONE LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR JOURNEYPERSON
17 ELECTRICIAN SHALL BE PRESENT AT EACH JOB SITE IN WHICH ELECTRICAL
18 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED.

19 (2) (I) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO
20 AN INSTALLATION OF A PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE
21 INTERCONNECTION TO A BUILDING'S GRID-TIED ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, LINE TAP, OR
22 OTHER GRID INTERCONNECTED DEVICE.

23 (II) A LOCAL JURISDICTION IS NOT PRECLUDED FROM
24 ENFORCING MORE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR ACTS DESCRIBED UNDER
25 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

26 **6-606.**

27 (A) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN SHALL DISPLAY THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN'S
28 LICENSE AND THE LICENSE NUMBER CONSPICUOUSLY IN THE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF
29 BUSINESS OF THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN.

30 (B) EACH ELECTRICIAN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE NAME OF A PERSON WHO
31 ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES SHALL CONTAIN
32 THE LICENSE NUMBER AND NAME OF A MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR HOLDER OF A

1 JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE WHOM THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN
2 EMPLOYS AND DESIGNATES TO DIRECT AND CONTROL THE PROVISION OF
3 ELECTRICAL SERVICES THROUGH THE BUSINESS OF THE PERSON.

4 (C) A LICENSEE SHALL GIVE THE STATE BOARD WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY
5 CHANGE OF NAME, ADDRESS, OR EMPLOYMENT FROM WHAT APPEARS ON THE
6 CURRENT LICENSE AT LEAST 10 WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE CHANGE IS TO TAKE
7 EFFECT.

8 **6-607.**

9 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT:

10 (1) PROVIDE, ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE, OR OFFER TO PROVIDE
11 ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION IN THE STATE WITHOUT AN
12 APPROPRIATE LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE;

13 (2) ASSIST, ATTEMPT TO ASSIST, OR OFFER TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING
14 ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION IN THE STATE WITHOUT THE
15 REQUIRED LICENSE OR APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE;

16 (3) PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION WITHOUT
17 OBTAINING A PERMIT FOR SUCH SERVICES IF REQUIRED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION;
18 OR

19 (4) PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE
20 LICENSE ISSUED TO THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER THIS TITLE.

21 **6-608.**

22 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "OFFICER" INCLUDES A SUPERINTENDENT, A
23 MANAGER, OR AN AGENT OF A BUSINESS ENTITY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE
24 BUSINESS ENTITY ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL
25 SERVICES.

26 (B) ANY PERSON, INCLUDING AN OFFICER, WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION
27 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT
28 TO:

29 (1) ON A FIRST CONVICTION, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000; AND

30 (2) ON A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, A FINE NOT
31 EXCEEDING \$5,000.

1 **(C) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES § 6-604 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A**
2 **MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.**

3 **(D) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER THIS**
4 **TITLE, THE STATE BOARD MAY IMPOSE ON A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY**
5 **PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 FOR EACH**
6 **VIOLATION.**

7 **(2) IN DETERMINING THE PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)**
8 **OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER:**

9 **(I) THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION;**

10 **(II) THE GOOD FAITH OF THE VIOLATOR;**

11 **(III) ANY PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS BY THE VIOLATOR;**

12 **(IV) THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF THE VIOLATION; AND**

13 **(V) ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.**

14 **(E) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY PENALTY COLLECTED UNDER**
15 **SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

16 6-701.

17 This title may be cited as the “Maryland [Master] Electricians Act”.

18 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That the State Board of
19 Electricians shall provide notice to each local board in the State of the provisions of this Act
20 and the effect this Act will have on electricians licensed by local boards, including
21 information regarding how electricians with local licenses may obtain licenses issued by
22 the State Board.

23 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2021.