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By: **Senator McCray**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the State Board of Electricians credit an applicant's work  
4 as part of certain apprenticeships for the experience required for certain electrician  
5 licenses; requiring the State Board to waive the examination requirements for  
6 certain applicants for a journeyman electrician license; adjusting the number of  
7 years an applicant for journeyman electrician must work under a certain  
8 circumstance; ~~authorizing a master electrician or a person to whom a master  
9 electrician assigns a local registration to not maintain certain insurance under  
10 certain circumstances~~ requiring that applicants for certain local permits have a State  
11 license to provide electrical services; providing for the delayed issuance of an  
12 electrical permit; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to examine certain  
13 memoranda of understanding; requiring the Department to attempt to renegotiate  
14 certain memoranda of understanding in certain circumstances; requiring the  
15 Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on certain  
16 memoranda of understanding; and generally relating to the licensure of electricians  
17 in the State.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
20 Section 6–304, 6–307.1, and ~~6–604~~ 6–603  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

3 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

4 6–304.

5 (a) To qualify for a State license, an applicant shall meet the requirements of this  
6 section.

7 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, an applicant for a master  
8 electrician license shall have been engaged or employed regularly and principally in  
9 providing electrical services for all types of electrical equipment and apparatuses for at  
10 least 7 years while under the direction and supervision of:

11 (i) a master electrician; or

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

13 (2) (I) The State Board may allow an applicant up to 3 years of credit  
14 toward 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 **(II) THE STATE BOARD SHALL CREDIT TOWARD THE**  
18 **EXPERIENCE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AN**  
19 **APPLICANT’S WORK AS PART OF A SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ELECTRICIAN**  
20 **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND**  
21 **TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP.**

22 (c) (1) [An] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN  
23 applicant for a journeyman electrician license shall have been engaged or employed  
24 regularly and principally in providing electrical services for all types of electrical equipment  
25 and apparatuses for at least 4 years while under the direction and supervision of:

26 [(1)] (I) a master electrician; or

27 [(2)] (II) an employee of a governmental unit who is similarly qualified as  
28 a master electrician licensed under this title.

29 **(2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL CREDIT TOWARD THE EXPERIENCE**  
30 **REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AN APPLICANT’S WORK AS**  
31 **PART OF A SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ELECTRICIAN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**  
32 **APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE**  
33 **FEDERAL OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP.**

1 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the applicant shall pass an  
2 examination given by the State Board under this subtitle.

3 (e) The State Board may investigate the qualifications of each applicant to  
4 determine whether the applicant meets the requirements of this section.

5 6-307.1.

6 The State Board shall waive the experience AND EXAMINATION requirements for  
7 an applicant for a journeyman electrician license if the applicant:

8 (1) (i) provides written proof of [3] 4 years of work experience providing  
9 electrical services under the control and direction of a master electrician; and

10 (ii) submits an application for a license to the State Board on or  
11 before December 31, 2022; or

12 (2) provides written proof that the applicant has successfully completed an  
13 electrician apprenticeship program approved by the Maryland Apprenticeship and  
14 Training Council or the federal Office of Apprenticeship that consists of:

15 (i) at least 576 classroom hours; and

16 (ii) 8,000 hours of work experience.

17 ~~6-604.~~

18 ~~(a) This section does not apply to a State licensee on inactive status.~~

19 ~~(b) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS~~  
20 ~~SUBSECTION, A master electrician who is licensed by the State Board and provides~~  
21 ~~electrical services or a person to whom a master electrician licensed by the State Board~~  
22 ~~assigns a local registration under this title shall:~~

23 ~~[(1)] (I) maintain general liability insurance in the amount of at least~~  
24 ~~\$300,000;~~

25 ~~[(2)] (II) maintain property damage insurance in the amount of at least~~  
26 ~~\$100,000; and~~

27 ~~[(3)] (III) submit proof of the required insurance to the State Board.~~

28 ~~(2) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR A PERSON TO WHOM A MASTER~~  
29 ~~ELECTRICIAN ASSIGNS A LOCAL REGISTRATION UNDER THIS TITLE IS NOT~~  
30 ~~REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE AND PROPERTY DAMAGE~~

1 ~~INSURANCE IF THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR A PERSON TO WHOM A LOCAL~~  
2 ~~REGISTRATION IS ASSIGNED:~~

3 ~~(I) ONLY PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES WITHIN THE SCOPE~~  
4 ~~OF THE LICENSE OR REGISTRATION WHEN EMPLOYED BY ANOTHER PERSON WHO~~  
5 ~~MAINTAINS GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE WITH AT~~  
6 ~~LEAST AS MUCH COVERAGE AS THAT LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS~~  
7 ~~SUBSECTION; AND~~

8 ~~(H) SUBMITS EVIDENCE OF THE EMPLOYER'S INSURANCE TO~~  
9 ~~THE STATE BOARD.~~

10 ~~(e) (1) An applicant for a State license shall submit proof of the insurance~~  
11 ~~required under this section to the State Board with the license application.~~

12 ~~(2) The State Board may not issue a State license to an applicant to whom~~  
13 ~~the insurance requirements of this section would apply unless the applicant submits proof~~  
14 ~~of the insurance.~~

15 ~~(d) Unless an applicant meets the insurance requirements of this section, the~~  
16 ~~State Board may not renew a State license of the applicant to whom the insurance~~  
17 ~~requirements of this section would apply.~~

18 ~~(e) If the insurance required under this section is canceled, the insurer shall~~  
19 ~~notify the State Board within 10 days after the date of cancellation.~~

20 ~~(f) If a local jurisdiction requires an applicant for a local license to execute a bond~~  
21 ~~to the local jurisdiction, the applicant may satisfy the bond requirement by submitting proof~~  
22 ~~of the insurance required under this section.~~

23 6-603.

24 (a) An electrician may obtain an electrical permit or any other similar permit  
25 from a local jurisdiction, if the electrician:

26 (1) (I) HOLDS A STATE LICENSE; AND

27 (II) is actively registered locally, if required[, or holds a State  
28 license];

29 (2) shows proof of the State license; [and]

30 (3) pays any permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires; AND

31 (4) PROVIDES PROOF OF INSURANCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
32 REQUIREMENTS OF § 6-604 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

1 (b) Before a local jurisdiction issues an electrical permit or similar permit to an  
2 electrician under this section, the local jurisdiction shall give the electrician notice of any  
3 local electrical requirements with which the electrician shall comply while providing  
4 electrical services in that local jurisdiction.

5 (c) **(1) [On] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
6 **SUBSECTION, ON payment of the permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires, the local**  
7 **jurisdiction shall issue the appropriate permit to each applicant who meets the**  
8 **requirements of this section.**

9 **(2) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY DELAY THE ISSUANCE OF AN**  
10 **ELECTRICAL PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IF, FOR A PARTICULAR JOB, THE**  
11 **LOCAL JURISDICTION REQUIRES THE ISSUANCE OF OTHER PERMITS, INCLUDING A**  
12 **BUILDING PERMIT, BEFORE ISSUANCE OF THE ELECTRICAL PERMIT.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

14 (a) The Maryland Department of Labor shall review each memorandum of  
15 understanding that the State has entered into with another state or territory guaranteeing  
16 a reciprocal recognition of electrician licenses to determine whether all licenses issued to  
17 master electricians under Title 6 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article is  
18 covered by the terms of the memorandum of understanding.

19 (b) If the Maryland Department of Labor determines that the terms of a  
20 memorandum of understanding do not cover a master electrician who is licensed in  
21 accordance with Title 6 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, the  
22 Department shall seek to renegotiate the terms of the memorandum of understanding to  
23 include licenses for those master electricians who are not covered.

24 (c) On or before January 1, 2023, the Maryland Department of Labor shall report  
25 to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the  
26 General Assembly on:

27 (1) any outstanding memoranda of understanding with other states or  
28 territories guaranteeing a reciprocal recognition of electrician licenses that:

29 (i) do not recognize master electricians authorized for licensure  
30 under Title 6 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article; and

31 (ii) that the Department was unable to renegotiate; and

32 (2) actions needed in order to guarantee that a license issued to a master  
33 electrician in accordance with Title 6 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article  
34 can be brought under the terms of a memorandum of understanding identified in item (1)  
35 of this subsection, including:

- 1 (i) any necessary legislation; and
- 2 (ii) any necessary appropriation of funds.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
4 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.