

SENATE BILL 444

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By: **Senator Brooks**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Electricians – Limited Energy Contractors and Limited Energy**
3 **Integrators – Licensing**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the State Board of Electricians; requiring
5 the Board to license limited energy contractors and limited energy integrators as
6 State licenses; and generally relating to the State Board of Electricians and limited
7 energy contractors and limited energy integrators.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Business Occupations and Professions

10 Section 6–101, 6–103, 6–202, 6–302, 6–303, 6–308(a), 6–316(a), 6–319, 6–320, 6–321,
11 6–501, 6–504(a) and (b), 6–601(a), and 6–602 through 6–607

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

17 6–101.

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

19 (b) (1) “Assignment of local registration” means any procedure by which a
20 licensee or registrant grants to another person a right to use a local registration to enable
21 that person to engage in the business of providing electrical services.

22 (2) “Assignment of local registration” includes any procedure by which:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) a licensee or registrant agrees to be the representative of another
2 person; and

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

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

7 (d) (1) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued
8 by the State Board to provide or assist in providing electrical services.

9 (2) “License” includes, unless the context requires otherwise:

10 (i) a master electrician license; and

11 (ii) a journeyman electrician license.

12 (e) “Licensed apprentice electrician” means, unless the context requires
13 otherwise, an electrician who is licensed by the State Board to assist in providing electrical
14 services while:

15 (1) under the direction or control of a licensed master electrician; and

16 (2) in training to become a journeyman electrician.

17 (f) “Licensed journeyman electrician” means, unless the context requires
18 otherwise, an electrician who is licensed by the State Board to provide or assist in providing
19 electrical services while:

20 (1) under the direction or control of a licensed master electrician; and

21 (2) in training to become a master electrician.

22 **(G) “LICENSED LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR” MEANS A CONTRACTOR**
23 **WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OR LOCAL JURISDICTION TO ENTER**
24 **CONTRACTS FOR PROVIDING LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES.**

25 **[(g)] (H)** “Licensed master electrician” means, unless the context requires
26 otherwise, a master electrician who is licensed by the State Board to provide electrical
27 services.

28 **(I) “LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR” MEANS A PERSON WHO:**

29 **(1) PROVIDES, INSTALLS, SERVICES, MAINTAINS, DESIGNS, REPAIRS,**
30 **OR CONSULTS IN THE DESIGN OF LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR A CONSUMER; AND**

1 **(2) EMPLOYS LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATORS.**

2 **(J) “LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:**

3 **(1) HAS EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND SKILL TO PROVIDE LIMITED**
4 **ENERGY SERVICES IN A MANNER THAT COMPLIES WITH APPLICABLE PLANS,**
5 **SPECIFICATIONS, CODES, OR LAWS; AND**

6 **(2) IS EMPLOYED BY A LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR.**

7 **(K) “LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEM” MEANS A CLASS 2 OR 3 CIRCUIT, AS**
8 **DEFINED IN THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, INCLUDING:**

9 **(1) REMOTE CONTROL, SIGNALING, AND POWER-LIMITED CIRCUITS;**
10 **AND**

11 **(2) OPTICAL FIBER CABLE, OTHER CABLING, OR COMMUNICATIONS**
12 **CIRCUITS, INCLUDING RACEWAYS.**

13 **[(h)] (L) “Local board” means a board that a local jurisdiction of the State creates**
14 **to regulate any aspect of the electrical trade.**

15 **[(i)] (M) “Local registration” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a**
16 **registration that is issued by a local board to provide electrical services.**

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

20 **[(k)] (O) (1) “Provide electrical services” means to provide any service in the**
21 **electrical trade.**

22 **(2) “Provide electrical services” includes installing, repairing, maintaining,**
23 **erecting, or altering any electrical equipment, wiring, fixture, appliance, apparatus,**
24 **raceway, conduit, or system that:**

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

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

28 **(P) “PROVIDE LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES” MEANS TO INSTALL, SERVICE,**
29 **MAINTAIN, DESIGN, OR REPAIR LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEMS.**

1 ~~[(l)]~~ **(Q)** “State Board” means the State Board of Electricians.

2 ~~[(m)]~~ **(R)** “State license” means a license that is issued by the State Board to an
3 electrician.

4 6–103.

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

6 (1) to regulate locally the quality and character of work of a person who
7 engages in the business of providing electrical services by establishing a system of
8 registrations, permits, fees, and inspections designed to:

9 (i) ensure compliance with and implementation of State and local
10 building laws; or

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

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

15 (3) to establish a local board to:

16 (i) carry out items (1) and (2) of this subsection;

17 (ii) take any disciplinary action, except for revocation of a license
18 issued by the State Board, against the holder of a local registration or the holder of a local
19 permit who violates any provision of this title or any local law; and

20 (iii) report any enforcement activity to the State Board;

21 (4) except as provided in §§ 6–504 and 6–602 of this title and subject to the
22 requirements of this section, to require an examination before issuing a registration to
23 provide electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** within the local jurisdiction;
24 or

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

26 (i) an examination for a registration to provide electrical services;

27 (ii) issuance and renewal of the registration; or

28 (iii) an inspection.

1 (b) If a local jurisdiction registers any class of electricians other than master
2 electricians, journeyman electricians, or apprentice electricians, that class is also under
3 the control and supervision of the local board.

4 (c) (1) [Beginning July 1, 2021, a] **A local jurisdiction may not issue licenses**
5 **for apprentice, journeyman, or master electricians, LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTORS,**
6 **OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATORS.**

7 (2) (I) A local jurisdiction that licensed apprentice-level,
8 journeyman-level, or master-level electricians before July 1, 2021, may continue to
9 register the electricians according to the same rules and requirements for licenses issued
10 before July 1, 2021, if the local jurisdiction complies with subsections (d) and (e) of this
11 section.

12 (II) **A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT LICENSED LIMITED ENERGY**
13 **CONTRACTORS OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATORS BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, MAY**
14 **CONTINUE TO REGISTER THE LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTORS AND LIMITED**
15 **ENERGY INTEGRATORS ACCORDING TO THE SAME RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR**
16 **LICENSES ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, IF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION COMPLIES**
17 **WITH SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

18 (3) (I) A local jurisdiction that did not license apprentice-level,
19 journeyman-level, or master-level electricians before July 1, 2021, may choose to
20 register apprentice-level, journeyman-level, or master-level electricians if it complies
21 with subsections (d) and (e) of this section.

22 (II) **A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT DID NOT LICENSE LIMITED**
23 **ENERGY CONTRACTORS OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATORS BEFORE JULY 1, 2023,**
24 **MAY CHOOSE TO REGISTER LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTORS OR LIMITED ENERGY**
25 **INTEGRATORS IF IT COMPLIES WITH SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

26 (d) If a local jurisdiction chooses to register apprentice-level,
27 journeyman-level, or master-level electricians **OR LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTORS**
28 **OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATORS** under subsection (c) of this section, the local board
29 shall administer the same examination as the State Board as provided under § 6-306 of
30 this title.

31 (e) On or before [July 1, 2022, and on or before] July 1 each year [thereafter], a
32 local jurisdiction that registers apprentice-level, journeyman-level, or master-level
33 electricians **OR LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTORS OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATORS**
34 shall report to the Department:

35 (1) each [apprentice electrician] registration issued in the previous year
36 **FOR EACH:**

- 1 **(I) APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN;**
 2 **(II) JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN;**
 3 **(III) MASTER ELECTRICIAN;**
 4 **(IV) LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR; AND**
 5 **(V) LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR;**

6 [(2) each journeyperson electrician registration issued in the previous year;

7 (3) each master electrician registration issued in the previous year;]

8 [(4) **(2)** [each individual] **ALL INDIVIDUALS** who sat for [a
 9 journeyperson electrician examination] **ANY OF THE FOLLOWING EXAMINATIONS** in the
 10 previous year:

- 11 **(I) JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN;**
 12 **(II) MASTER ELECTRICIAN;**
 13 **(III) LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR; AND**
 14 **(IV) LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR; AND**

15 [(5) each individual who sat for a master electrician examination in the
 16 previous year; and]

17 [(6) **(3)** any other information the Department requires.

18 (f) This title may not be construed to waive any requirement of an ordinance or
 19 regulation that sets out the type of work to be performed by a person who engages in the
 20 business of providing electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** as required
 21 under State or local building laws.

22 6–202.

23 (a) (1) The State Board consists of [9] **10** members appointed by the Governor
 24 with the advice and consent of the Senate.

25 (2) Of the [9] **10** members of the State Board:

26 (i) 6 shall be licensed master electricians; [and]

1 (II) 1 SHALL BE A LICENSED LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR;
2 AND

3 [(ii)] (III) 3 shall be consumer members.

4 (3) Of the 6 master electrician members:

5 (i) 1 shall be from Baltimore City;

6 (ii) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Caroline, Dorchester,
7 Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties;

8 (iii) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Baltimore, Cecil, and
9 Harford counties;

10 (iv) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Anne Arundel, Calvert,
11 Charles, and St. Mary's counties;

12 (v) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Montgomery and Prince
13 George's counties; and

14 (vi) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Allegany, Carroll,
15 Frederick, Garrett, Howard, and Washington counties.

16 (4) THE LICENSED LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR SHALL BE FROM
17 THE STATE AT LARGE.

18 [(4)] (5) The consumer members shall be from the State at large.

19 [(5)] (6) A member of the State Board may not reside in the same county
20 as another member.

21 (b) Each member of the State Board shall be a citizen and resident of the State.

22 (c) Each master electrician member of the State Board shall:

23 (1) hold an active State license; and

24 (2) be engaged actively in providing electrical services as a master
25 electrician for at least 5 consecutive years immediately before appointment.

26 (D) THE LICENSED LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR MEMBER OF THE STATE
27 BOARD MUST:

28 (1) HOLD AN ACTIVE STATE LICENSE; AND

1 **(2) HAVE BEEN ENGAGED ACTIVELY IN PROVIDING LIMITED ENERGY**
2 **SERVICES AS A LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS**
3 **IMMEDIATELY BEFORE APPOINTMENT.**

4 **[(d)] (E)** Each consumer member of the State Board:

5 (1) shall be a member of the general public;

6 (2) may not be a licensee or otherwise be subject to regulation by the State
7 Board;

8 (3) may not be required to meet the qualifications for the professional
9 members of the State Board; and

10 (4) may not, within 1 year before appointment, have had a financial
11 interest in or have received compensation from a person regulated by the State Board.

12 **[(e)] (F)** While a member of the State Board, a consumer member may not:

13 (1) have a financial interest in or receive compensation from a person
14 regulated by the State Board; or

15 (2) grade an examination given by or for the State Board.

16 **[(f)] (G)** Before taking office, each appointee to the State Board shall take the
17 oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

18 **[(g)] (H)** (1) The term of a member is 3 years and begins on July 1.

19 (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided
20 for members of the State Board on October 1, 1989.

21 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is
22 appointed and qualifies.

23 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the
24 rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

25 (5) A member may not be reappointed for more than 2 consecutive 3-year
26 terms.

27 **[(h)] (I)** (1) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or
28 misconduct.

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

5 (3) The Governor may waive a member's resignation and allow the member
6 to continue serving if the member has been unable to attend meetings for reasons
7 satisfactory to the Governor and the reasons are made public.

8 (4) In accordance with § 8-501 of the State Government Article, the
9 chairman shall provide notice to the Governor and the Governor shall appoint a successor.

10 6-302.

11 (a) In a local jurisdiction that requires local registration and has qualified to
12 register electricians locally under § 6-103 of this title, the State license, while the State
13 license is in effect, serves only as a mechanism that helps a licensee in obtaining a local
14 registration under §§ 6-601 and 6-602 of this title.

15 (b) If a county or municipal corporation does not require local registration, the
16 State license, while the State license is in effect, authorizes the licensee to:

17 (1) provide electrical services; [or]

18 **(2) PROVIDE LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES; OR**

19 **[(2)] (3)** be the representative of another person who engages in the
20 business of providing electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES.**

21 6-303.

22 This subtitle does not require:

23 (1) a public utility company to employ an electrician licensed by the State
24 Board to represent the company while the company is engaging in the business of providing
25 electrical services to a facility of the company that:

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

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

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

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

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

3 (3) a person to hold a license issued by the State Board if the person:

4 (i) is licensed or registered under Title 18 of this article to provide
5 security system services and is acting within the scope of that license;

6 (ii) holds a license issued under Title 12 of this article and is acting
7 within the scope of that license;

8 (iii) holds a license issued under Title 9A of the Business Regulation
9 Article and is acting within the scope of that license; or

10 (iv) provides wireless security systems in compliance with Title 19,
11 Subtitle 9 of the Business Regulation Article;

12 **(4) A LICENSED LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR TO HOLD A MASTER
13 ELECTRICIAN LICENSE TO PROVIDE LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES; OR**

14 **(5) A PERSON TO HOLD A LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR LICENSE IF
15 THE PERSON:**

16 **(I) PROVIDES OR INSTALLS HARDWIRED FIRE, BURGLARY, OR
17 ROBBERY ALARM SYSTEMS;**

18 **(II) PROVIDES INSTALLATION, TESTING, ROUTINE
19 MAINTENANCE, FACTORY SERVICING, SELLING, OR MONITORING OF A PERSONAL
20 EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM;**

21 **(III) SELLS LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEMS AT A RETAIL
22 ESTABLISHMENT TO A CONSUMER FOR SELF-INSTALLATION;**

23 **(IV) DOES NOT PROVIDE DIRECT SALES, MONITORING, OR
24 INSTALLATION OF LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEMS TO A CONSUMER AND:**

25 **1. HOLDS A LICENSE UNDER:**

26 **A. TITLE 12.5 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE;**

27 **OR**

28 **B. TITLE 3 OR 14 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR**

29 **2. IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1 **A. A TELECOMMUNICATION INSTALLER OR RETAILER;**

2 **B. AN EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER; OR**

3 **C. AN EQUIPMENT MANAGER;**

4 **(V) IS AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE UNITED STATES, THIS**
5 **STATE, OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHILE ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF**
6 **THE INDIVIDUAL'S DUTIES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYMENT;**

7 **(VI) IS INSTALLING A LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEM ON A MOTOR**
8 **VEHICLE OR BOAT; OR**

9 **(VII) IS PERSONALLY INSTALLING A LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEM**
10 **WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL'S OWN DWELLING UNIT OR OTHER BUILDING.**

11 6-308.

12 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, on the affirmative vote of at least a
13 majority of the authorized membership of the State Board, the State Board may waive the
14 examination requirements of this subtitle for an individual who is licensed to provide
15 electrical services as a master electrician or journeyman electrician **OR LIMITED**
16 **ENERGY SERVICES AS A LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR OR LIMITED ENERGY**
17 **INTEGRATOR** in another state.

18 6-316.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 (6) under the laws of the United States or of any state, is convicted of:
- 2 (i) a felony; or
- 3 (ii) a misdemeanor that is directly related to the fitness and
4 qualification of the applicant or licensee to provide electrical services;
- 5 (7) aids or abets a person to evade a provision of this title;
- 6 (8) willfully or deliberately disregards disciplinary action taken by a local
7 jurisdiction against the individual in connection with the provision of electrical services **OR**
8 **LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES**;
- 9 (9) fails in a material respect to comply with a provision of this title;
- 10 (10) fails to train and control adequately a person who, while under the
11 supervision of the State licensee, sells or estimates electrical work or provides or assists in
12 providing electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES**;
- 13 (11) fails to maintain a local registration, if required, under § 6–601 of this
14 title;
- 15 (12) fails to maintain the general liability and property damage insurance
16 required under § 6–604 of this title;
- 17 (13) offers or provides electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES**
18 outside the scope of the license held by the licensee;
- 19 (14) permits another licensee employed by the individual to provide
20 electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** outside the scope of that individual’s
21 license;
- 22 (15) without justification, fails to perform a contract or abandons a project
23 to provide electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES**;
- 24 (16) provides electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** that are
25 inadequate or incomplete, according to the terms of a contract or a project;
- 26 (17) directly or indirectly publishes an advertisement relating to the
27 provision of electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** that contains a
28 representation or statement that is false, deceptive, or misleading;
- 29 (18) certifies on a license renewal application that the continuing education
30 requirement of license renewal has been completed if the licensee has not fully completed
31 the continuing education requirement at the time the license renewal application is
32 submitted;

1 (19) violates any other provision of this title; or

2 (20) violates any regulation adopted under this title.

3 6–319.

4 (a) The State Board may not suspend a State license for more than 1 year.

5 (b) The State Board may not revoke a State license for less than 1 year.

6 (c) If the State Board, after a hearing, suspends a license, the State Board may
7 allow the licensee to complete a contract to provide electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY**
8 **SERVICES** that is in progress and uncompleted at the time of suspension.

9 (d) (1) If a State license is revoked, the State Board may reinstate the State
10 license after not less than 1 year.

11 (2) A State license that has been revoked may be reinstated under this
12 subsection if:

13 (i) the individual whose State license has been revoked submits a
14 written request to the State Board;

15 (ii) the State Board holds a hearing on the request; and

16 (iii) the State Board makes a determination to reinstate the State
17 license.

18 6–320.

19 Within 30 days after taking action, the State Board shall give each local board or
20 building official notice of the name of each master electrician, **LIMITED ENERGY**
21 **CONTRACTOR, OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR** whose State license has been
22 suspended, revoked, or reinstated by the State Board.

23 6–321.

24 (a) (1) When a county or municipal corporation that requires a local license
25 initiates a disciplinary action against a licensed master electrician, **LIMITED ENERGY**
26 **CONTRACTOR, OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR**, the county or municipal corporation
27 shall report the disciplinary action to the State Board within 30 days of commencement of
28 the action.

29 (2) When the State Board receives notice of a local disciplinary action
30 against a licensed electrician, **LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR, OR LIMITED ENERGY**

1 **INTEGRATOR**, the State Board shall provide notice of the disciplinary action to each local
2 licensing jurisdiction.

3 (b) Each local jurisdiction that registers electricians, **LIMITED ENERGY**
4 **CONTRACTORS, OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATORS** under § 6–603 of this title shall
5 submit a report to the State Board on the number of complaints against electricians,
6 **LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTORS, OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATORS** registered in
7 the local jurisdiction on or before December 1 of each year.

8 6–501.

9 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

10 (b) (1) “Reciprocal license” means a license to provide electrical services **OR**
11 **LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** issued by the State Board on the basis of a registration
12 issued by a local jurisdiction.

13 (2) “Reciprocal license” includes any type or class of license that the State
14 Board issues to provide electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES**.

15 (c) (1) “Reciprocal registration” means registration with a local jurisdiction on
16 the basis of:

17 (i) a license issued by the State Board; or

18 (ii) a registration with another local jurisdiction.

19 (2) “Reciprocal registration” includes any type or class of registration with
20 a local jurisdiction to provide electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES**.

21 6–504.

22 (a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an individual may qualify for a
23 reciprocal registration from a local jurisdiction of the State if the individual:

24 (1) is registered with another local jurisdiction of the State to provide
25 electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** in that local jurisdiction;

26 (2) applies for a reciprocal registration to provide the same class or type of
27 electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** as those permitted by the registration
28 the individual holds in that local jurisdiction; and

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

30 (i) a registration of the same class or type suspended or revoked by
31 a local jurisdiction of the State; or

1 (ii) a record of outstanding violations of the regulations of a local
2 jurisdiction of the State.

3 (b) A local jurisdiction of the State that registers individuals to provide electrical
4 services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** shall waive any of the registration qualifications
5 of the local jurisdiction for an individual who:

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

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

9 (2) is registered with another local jurisdiction of the State to provide
10 electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** of the same class or type as those
11 permitted by the registration for which the applicant is seeking a waiver; and

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

13 6–601.

14 (a) This section applies only to a local jurisdiction that has applied for and
15 received authorization to offer local master, [or] journey person, **LIMITED ENERGY**
16 **CONTRACTOR, OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR** registration under § 6–103 of this
17 title.

18 6–602.

19 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, a local jurisdiction shall waive its
20 examination requirements for an individual who is licensed by the State Board to provide
21 electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES**.

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

24 (1) pays any registration fee that the local jurisdiction requires; and

25 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

26 (i) is licensed as an electrician **OR A LIMITED ENERGY**
27 **CONTRACTOR OR A LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR** under 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 registration fee, a local
2 jurisdiction shall issue a local registration to each applicant who meets the requirements
3 of this section.

4 6-603.

5 (a) An electrician **OR LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR OR LIMITED ENERGY**
6 **INTEGRATOR** may obtain an electrical permit or any other similar permit from a local
7 jurisdiction, if the electrician **OR LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR OR LIMITED ENERGY**
8 **INTEGRATOR**:

9 (1) (i) holds a State license; and

10 (ii) is actively registered locally, if required;

11 (2) shows proof of the State license;

12 (3) pays any permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires; and

13 (4) provides proof of insurance in compliance with the requirements of §
14 6-604 of this subtitle.

15 (b) Before a local jurisdiction issues an electrical permit or similar permit to an
16 electrician **OR A LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR OR A LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR**
17 under this section, the local jurisdiction shall give the electrician **OR LIMITED ENERGY**
18 **CONTRACTOR OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR** notice of any local electrical
19 requirements with which the electrician **OR LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR OR**
20 **LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR** shall comply while providing electrical services **OR**
21 **LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** in that local jurisdiction.

22 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, on payment of
23 the permit fee that the local jurisdiction requires, the local jurisdiction shall issue the
24 appropriate permit to each applicant who meets the requirements of this section.

25 (2) A local jurisdiction may delay the issuance of an electrical permit under
26 this subsection if, for a particular job, the local jurisdiction requires the issuance of other
27 permits, including a building permit, before issuance of the electrical permit.

28 6-604.

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

30 (b) A master electrician, **LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR, OR LIMITED**
31 **ENERGY INTEGRATOR** who is licensed by the State Board and provides electrical services
32 **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** or a person to whom a master electrician, **LIMITED**

1 **ENERGY CONTRACTOR, OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR** licensed by the State Board
2 assigns a local registration under this title shall:

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

4 (2) maintain property damage insurance in the amount of at least
5 \$100,000; and

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

7 (c) (1) An applicant for a State license shall submit proof of the insurance
8 required under this section to the State Board with the license application.

9 (2) The State Board may not issue a State license to an applicant to whom
10 the insurance requirements of this section would apply unless the applicant submits proof
11 of the insurance.

12 (d) Unless an applicant meets the insurance requirements of this section, the
13 State Board may not renew a State license of the applicant to whom the insurance
14 requirements of this section would apply.

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

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

20 6-605.

21 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not employ an
22 individual to provide electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** or employ an
23 individual to assist in providing electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** unless
24 the individual:

25 (1) is licensed by the State Board as a master electrician;

26 (2) (i) is licensed by the State Board as a journeyperson electrician; and

27 (ii) provides or assists in providing electrical services within the
28 scope of the individual's license; [or]

29 (3) (i) is licensed by the State Board as an apprentice electrician; and

30 (ii) provides or assists in providing electrical services within the
31 scope of the individual's license;

1 **(4) (I) IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A LIMITED ENERGY**
2 **CONTRACTOR; AND**

3 **(II) PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING LIMITED ENERGY**
4 **SERVICES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE; OR**

5 **(5) (I) IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A LIMITED ENERGY**
6 **INTEGRATOR; AND**

7 **(II) PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING LIMITED ENERGY**
8 **SERVICES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE.**

9 (b) At least one licensed master electrician or journeyman electrician shall be
10 present at each job site in which electrical services are provided.

11 6-606.

12 (a) A master electrician, **LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR, OR LIMITED**
13 **ENERGY INTEGRATOR** shall display the master electrician's, **LIMITED ENERGY**
14 **CONTRACTOR'S, OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR'S** license and the license number
15 conspicuously in the principal place of business of the master electrician, **LIMITED**
16 **ENERGY CONTRACTOR, OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR.**

17 (b) Each electrician, **LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR, OR LIMITED ENERGY**
18 **INTEGRATOR** advertisement in the name of a person who engages in the business of
19 providing electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** shall contain the license
20 number and name of a master electrician or holder of a journeyman electrician, **LIMITED**
21 **ENERGY CONTRACTOR, OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR** license whom the master
22 electrician, **LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTOR, OR LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATOR**
23 employs and designates to direct and control the provision of electrical services **OR**
24 **LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** through the business of the person.

25 (c) A licensee shall give the State Board written notice of any change of name,
26 address, or employment from what appears on the current license at least 10 working days
27 before the change is to take effect.

28 6-607.

29 Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual may not:

30 (1) provide, attempt to provide, or offer to provide electrical services **OR**
31 **LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** for compensation in the State without an appropriate license
32 issued under this title;

1 (2) assist, attempt to assist, or offer to assist in providing electrical services
2 **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** for compensation in the State without the required
3 license or appropriate registration issued under this title;

4 (3) provide electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** for
5 compensation without obtaining a permit for such services if required by a local
6 jurisdiction; or

7 (4) provide electrical services **OR LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES** beyond the
8 scope of the license issued to the individual under this title.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2023.