

Chapter 340

(House Bill 132)

AN ACT concerning

**Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Services
– Journeyman License – Qualifications**

FOR the purpose of altering the qualifications for a journeyman license to provide heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration services; and generally relating to journeyman licenses for heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Business Regulation
 Section 9A-301 and 9A-302(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Business Regulation
 Section 9A-302(e)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Regulation

9A-301.

Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be licensed by the Board before the individual provides or assists in providing heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services in the State.

9A-302.

(a) To qualify for an apprentice, journeyman, journeyman restricted, master, master restricted, or limited license, an applicant shall meet the requirements of this section.

(e) An applicant for a journeyman license shall:

(1) have held, for a period of at least ~~[3]~~ 4 years, an apprentice license, and

during that period shall have completed at least ~~[1,875]~~ **6,000** hours of training in providing heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration services under the direction and control of a licensed contractor; and

- (2) pass an examination administered by the Board.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 3, 2023.