

## Chapter 86

**(Senate Bill 263)**

AN ACT concerning

**Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors – License Restoration**

FOR the purpose of extending the time period during which an individual who has held a heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license may apply for license restoration after expiration; and generally relating to heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractors.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Business Regulation  
Section 9A-101(a), (b), and (l)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Business Regulation  
Section 9A-309(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Business Regulation**

9A-101.

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

(b) “Board” means the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors.

(l) (1) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued by the Board to provide or to assist in providing heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services.

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

- (i) a master license;
- (ii) a master restricted license;

- (iii) a limited license;
- (iv) a journeyman license;
- (v) a journeyman restricted license; and
- (vi) an apprentice license.

9A-309.

(e) (1) If application for restoration is made within [90 days of] **4 YEARS AFTER** expiration of a license, the license may be restored [only] on payment of [a] **THE REQUIRED renewal OR REINSTATEMENT** fee.

(2) If application for restoration is not made within the [90-day] **4-YEAR** period, the Board may require compliance with the process for initial applications as if the applicant had never been licensed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

**Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2025.**