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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Electricians Act of 2020**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the composition, powers, and duties of the State Board of
4 Master Electricians; changing the name of the State Board of Master Electricians to
5 the State Board of Electricians; establishing a low-voltage electrician license as a
6 State license to be awarded to qualifying electricians; requiring the Maryland
7 Department of Labor to adopt regulations to establish the education requirements
8 and qualifications for a State apprentice electrician license and a State-registered
9 apprentice electrician license; prohibiting, beginning on a certain date, local
10 jurisdictions from issuing certain licenses under certain circumstances; authorizing
11 local jurisdictions that issued certain licenses before a certain date to continue to
12 issue the licenses under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain local
13 jurisdiction, beginning on a certain date, from licensing a master-level or
14 journeyman-level electrician unless it applies for and receives authorization from
15 the State Board; requiring the Department to adopt guidelines to govern a certain
16 authorization process; requiring certain local jurisdictions to report certain
17 information to the Department on or before a certain date each year; allowing a local
18 jurisdiction to take certain actions against certain licensees under certain
19 circumstances; requiring certain local jurisdictions to administer a certain
20 examination in a certain manner; requiring each county and each municipal
21 corporation to enforce certain provisions of law and adopt certain regulations or
22 require certain State licenses under certain circumstances; altering certain licensing
23 and examination requirements; authorizing a local board to apply to be a certain
24 testing service; altering a certain provision of law stating that certain provisions of
25 law do not require certain individuals to hold a State license to refer to “low-voltage
26 electricians” rather than a “master electrician”; altering certain reciprocity
27 requirements for certain individuals authorized to provide electrical services in other
28 states; establishing certain continuing education requirements; authorizing the
29 State Board to waive certain examination requirements and certain experience
30 requirements for certain licensees in certain circumstances; altering the
31 circumstances under which the State Board may deny a license to an applicant,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 reprimand a licensee, or suspend or revoke a license; authorizing the State Board to
 2 set certain fees; providing for the construction of a certain provision of law; requiring
 3 a master electrician to display certain information in a certain manner; requiring a
 4 licensee to give the State Board certain notice of a change in certain information;
 5 prohibiting a person from taking certain actions without a license; establishing
 6 certain penalties for certain violations; requiring the State Board to provide a certain
 7 notice to each local board in the State; altering, adding, and repealing certain defined
 8 terms; making stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to the State
 9 Board of Electricians and the licensing and regulation of electricians.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 11 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
 12 Section 6–101 through 6–103; 6–201, 6–202(a), (c)(1), (d), (e), and (h)(2), and 6–205
 13 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 2. State Board of Electricians”; and
 14 6–301, 6–302 through 6–306, 6–306.1, 6–307, 6–308, 6–310(c)(4) and (e),
 15 6–311(b)(2) and (3), (c), and (d)(1), 6–312, 6–315, 6–316, 6–319(c) and (d)(1),
 16 6–321(a)(2) and (b), 6–401, 6–601, 6–602, 6–603, 6–604(a) and (b), and 6–701
 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
 18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
 20 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
 21 Section 6–104, 6–307.1, and 6–605 through 6–608
 22 Annotated Code of Maryland
 23 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

24 BY repealing
 25 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
 26 Section 6–605
 27 Annotated Code of Maryland
 28 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

31 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

32 6–101.

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

34 (b) (1) “Assignment of local license” means any procedure by which a licensee
 35 grants to another person a right to use a local license to enable that person to engage in the
 36 business of providing electrical services.

37 (2) “Assignment of local license” includes any procedure by which:

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

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

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

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

9 **(2) “LICENSE” INCLUDES, UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES**
10 **OTHERWISE:**

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

12 **(II) A JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN LICENSE.**

13 **(E) “LICENSED JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN” MEANS, UNLESS THE**
14 **CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE**
15 **BOARD OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING**
16 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES.**

17 **(F) “LICENSED LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN” MEANS, UNLESS THE**
18 **CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE**
19 **BOARD OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION TO PROVIDE LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL**
20 **SERVICES.**

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

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

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

28 **(J) “LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS THE**
29 **EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND SKILL TO PROVIDE LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL**
30 **SERVICES IN A MANNER THAT COMPLIES WITH APPLICABLE PLANS,**
31 **SPECIFICATIONS, CODES, OR LAW.**

32 **[(h)] (K)** “Master electrician” means an individual who has the experience,

1 knowledge, and skill to provide electrical services in all aspects of the electrical trade, in a
2 manner that complies with applicable plans, specifications, codes, or law.

3 **[(i)] (L)** (1) “Provide electrical services” means to provide any service in the
4 electrical trade.

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

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

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

11 **(M) “PROVIDE LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES” MEANS TO DESIGN,**
12 **INSTALL, ERECT, REPAIR, MAINTAIN, OR ALTER ANY ELECTRICAL WIRING, FIXTURE,**
13 **APPLIANCE, APPARATUS, RACEWAY, OR CONDUIT THAT:**

14 **(1) FOR AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING, AMPLIFICATION, AND**
15 **REPRODUCTION EQUIPMENT, IS OPERATED AT NOT MORE THAN 70 VOLTS-NOMINAL**
16 **OF ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL;**

17 **(2) RELATES TO FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS IN A SINGLE-FAMILY**
18 **RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; OR**

19 **(3) FOR ALL OTHER SERVICES, IS OPERATED AT NOT MORE THAN 50**
20 **VOLTS-NOMINAL OF ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL.**

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

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

24 **(P) (1) “VOLTS-NOMINAL” MEANS, FOR ANY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT,**
25 **THE STATED VOLTAGE MEASUREMENT AT WHICH THE EQUIPMENT IS DESIGNED TO**
26 **OPERATE.**

27 **(2) “VOLTS-NOMINAL” INCLUDES A RANGE OF ELECTRICAL**
28 **POTENTIAL THAT FOR ANY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IS WITHIN 10 VOLTS BELOW**
29 **AND 10 VOLTS ABOVE THE STATED VOLTAGE MEASUREMENT AT WHICH THE**
30 **EQUIPMENT IS DESIGNED TO OPERATE.**

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

6 6–103.

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

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

11 (i) ensure compliance with and implementation of State and local
12 building laws; or

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

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

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

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

19 **(II) TAKE ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXCEPT FOR**
20 **REVOCAION OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD, AGAINST THE HOLDER**
21 **OF A LOCAL LICENSE OR THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL PERMIT WHO VIOLATES ANY**
22 **PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY LOCAL LAW; AND**

23 **(III) REPORT ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY TO THE STATE**
24 **BOARD;**

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

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

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

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

31 (iii) an inspection.

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

4 (c) (1) **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION,**
5 **BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY NOT ISSUE LICENSES FOR**
6 **JOURNEYPerson, LOW-VOLTAGE, OR MASTER ELECTRICIANS.**

7 (2) **A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT LICENSED**
8 **JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL, LOW-VOLTAGE, OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS**
9 **BEFORE JULY 1, 2020, MAY CONTINUE TO ISSUE THE LICENSES ISSUED BEFORE**
10 **JULY 1, 2020, IF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION COMPLIES WITH SUBSECTIONS (D) AND**
11 **(E) OF THIS SECTION.**

12 (3) (i) **A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT DID NOT LICENSE**
13 **JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL, LOW-VOLTAGE, OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS**
14 **BEFORE JULY 1, 2020, MAY NOT LICENSE A JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL,**
15 **LOW-VOLTAGE, OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIAN UNLESS IT APPLIES TO THE STATE**
16 **BOARD FOR AUTHORIZATION TO LICENSE JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL, LOW-VOLTAGE,**
17 **OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS LOCALLY.**

18 (ii) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES TO GOVERN**
19 **THE AUTHORIZATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO ISSUE**
20 **LICENSES UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.**

21 (d) **IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION QUALIFIES TO CONTINUE LICENSING**
22 **JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL, LOW-VOLTAGE, OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS**
23 **UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION OR RECEIVES AUTHORIZATION TO**
24 **LICENSE JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL, LOW-VOLTAGE, OR MASTER-LEVEL**
25 **ELECTRICIANS UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE LOCAL BOARD**
26 **SHALL ADMINISTER THE SAME EXAMINATION AS THE STATE BOARD AS PROVIDED**
27 **UNDER § 6-306 OF THIS TITLE.**

28 (e) **ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EACH YEAR**
29 **THEREAFTER, A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT LICENSES JOURNEYPerson-LEVEL,**
30 **LOW-VOLTAGE, OR MASTER-LEVEL ELECTRICIANS SHALL REPORT TO THE**
31 **DEPARTMENT:**

32 (1) **EACH JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN LICENSE ISSUED IN THE**
33 **PREVIOUS YEAR;**

34 (2) **EACH LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE ISSUED IN THE**
35 **PREVIOUS YEAR;**

1 **(3) EACH MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE ISSUED IN THE PREVIOUS**
2 **YEAR;**

3 **(4) EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT FOR A JOURNEYPERSON**
4 **ELECTRICIAN EXAMINATION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR;**

5 **(5) EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT FOR A LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN**
6 **EXAMINATION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR;**

7 **(6) EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN**
8 **EXAMINATION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR; AND**

9 **(7) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES.**

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

14 **6-104.**

15 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH THE**
16 **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY FOR:**

17 **(1) A STATE APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE; AND**

18 **(2) A STATE-REGISTERED APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE.**

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

20 **6-201.**

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

22 **6-202.**

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

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

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

27 **(II) 1 SHALL BE AN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR;**

1 (III) 1 SHALL BE A LICENSED LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN; AND

2 [(ii)] (IV) [3] 1 shall be A consumer [members] MEMBER.

3 (3) Of the 6 master electrician members:

4 (i) 1 shall be from Baltimore City;

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

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

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

11 (v) 1 shall be from [the area that consists of] Montgomery [and
12 Prince George's counties] **COUNTY**; and

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

15 (4) **THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR MEMBER SHALL BE FROM THE**
16 **STATE AT LARGE.**

17 (5) **THE LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN MEMBER SHALL BE FROM THE**
18 **STATE AT LARGE.**

19 [(4)] (6) The consumer [members] MEMBER shall be from the State at
20 large.

21 [(5)] (7) A member of the State Board may not reside in the same county
22 as another member.

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

24 (1) hold an active [State] **AND CURRENT** license **UNDER THIS TITLE**; and

25 (d) **[Each] THE** consumer member of the State Board:

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

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

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

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

5 (e) While a member of the State Board, [a] THE consumer member may not:

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

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

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

13 6-205.

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

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

18 (2) adopt regulations to establish:

19 (i) application and examination fees;

20 (ii) continuing education requirements; and

21 (iii) application deadlines;

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

26 (4) ISSUE LICENSES;

27 (5) KEEP RECORDS OF ITS PROCEEDINGS; AND

28 (6) ADOPT ANY OTHER REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT
29 THIS TITLE.

1 **(B) THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER THIS**
2 **SECTION SHALL:**

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

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

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

8 **(I) A COLLEGE OR AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPROVED**
9 **BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE FEDERAL**
10 **COMMITTEE ON APPRENTICESHIP;**

11 **(II) A STATE OR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TRAINING**
12 **PROGRAM; OR**

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

14 6-301.

15 (a) Each county shall:

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

20 **(II) 1. APPLY TO AND RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE**
21 **STATE BOARD TO LICENSE JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIANS OR MASTER**
22 **ELECTRICIANS IF REQUIRED TO DO SO UNDER § 6-103 OF THIS TITLE; or**

23 **2. CONTINUE ISSUING JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN**
24 **OR MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSES IF THE COUNTY QUALIFIES UNDER §**
25 **6-103(C)(2) OF THIS TITLE TO CONTINUE ISSUING LOCAL LICENSES; OR**

26 (2) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as a
27 master electrician **OR JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN;** 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 of
4 **JOURNEYPERSON OR** master electricians; **AND**

5 (II) 1. **APPLY TO AND RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE**
6 **STATE BOARD TO LICENSE JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIANS OR MASTER**
7 **ELECTRICIANS AS REQUIRED TO DO SO UNDER § 6–103 OF THIS TITLE; OR**

8 2. **CONTINUE ISSUING JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN**
9 **OR MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSES IF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION QUALIFIES**
10 **UNDER § 6–103(C)(2) OF THIS TITLE TO CONTINUE ISSUING LOCAL LICENSES;**

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

13 (3) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as a
14 **JOURNEYPERSON OR** master electrician; and

15 (ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

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

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

23 6–302.

24 (a) In a local jurisdiction that requires a local license **AND HAS QUALIFIED TO**
25 **CONTINUE ISSUING LOCAL LICENSES UNDER § 6–103(C)(2) OF THIS TITLE OR**
26 **RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE STATE BOARD UNDER § 6–103 OF THIS TITLE,**
27 the State license, while the State license is in effect, serves only as a mechanism that helps
28 a licensee in obtaining a local license under §§ 6–601 and 6–602 of this title.

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

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

32 (2) be the representative of another person who engages in the business of

1 providing electrical services.

2 6-303.

3 (a) This subtitle does not require an individual to hold a State license while the
4 individual provides **LOW-VOLTAGE** electrical services as an employee or subordinate of a
5 **[master] LOW-VOLTAGE** electrician licensed by the State Board if:

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

8 (2) the licensee is responsible for the electrical services that the individual
9 provides.

10 (b) This subtitle does not require:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 **(III) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 9A OF THE**

1 **BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT**
2 **LICENSE; OR**

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

5 6-304.

6 (a) **(1) [To] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
7 **SUBSECTION, TO** qualify for a State license, an applicant shall [be an individual who
8 meets] **MEET** the requirements of this section.

9 **(2) IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A LICENSE TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL**
10 **SERVICES FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS IN ANY BUILDING THAT IS NOT A**
11 **SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, AN APPLICANT SHALL RECEIVE A LEVEL**
12 **II CERTIFICATE FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CERTIFICATION IN**
13 **ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES IN FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS.**

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

19 (i) a master electrician; or

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

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

25 **(C) AN APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE SHALL**
26 **HAVE BEEN ENGAGED OR EMPLOYED REGULARLY AND PRINCIPALLY IN PROVIDING**
27 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR ALL TYPES OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND**
28 **APPARATUSES FOR AT LEAST 4 YEARS WHILE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND**
29 **SUPERVISION OF:**

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

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

33 **(D) AN APPLICANT FOR A LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE SHALL**

1 **HAVE BEEN ENGAGED OR EMPLOYED REGULARLY AND PRINCIPALLY IN PROVIDING**
2 **LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR ALL TYPES OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT**
3 **AND APPARATUSES FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS.**

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

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

8 6-305.

9 An applicant for a State license shall:

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

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

15 6-306.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (ii) are constructed to determine the fitness of the applicant for a

1 State license.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (2) The applicant:

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

19 (ii) unless, for good cause, the State Board waives payment of the
20 examination fee, shall again pay the examination fee under **[\S 6-305] SUBSECTION (G)** of
21 this [subtitle] **SECTION.**

22 6-306.1.

23 (a) **(1)** The State Board may use a testing service to administer the
24 examinations given under this title.

25 **(2) A LOCAL BOARD MAY APPLY TO BE A TESTING SERVICE.**

26 (b) If the State Board uses a testing service, the testing service, subject to the
27 requirements set by the State Board, may:

28 (1) set the time and place of examinations;

29 (2) give qualified applicants notice of the time and place of examinations;

30 and

1 (3) furnish any other information that the State Board may require the
2 testing service to provide.

3 6–307.

4 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, the State Board shall waive [the]
5 ANY examination requirements of this [subtitle] TITLE for an individual who:

6 (1) holds [a] AN ACTIVE local JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN,
7 LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN, OR MASTER ELECTRICIAN license; AND

8 (2) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO THE STATE BOARD
9 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021.

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

11 (1) pays the application fee established by the STATE Board under [§
12 6–205] § 6–305 of this [title] SUBTITLE;

13 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

14 (i) meets the qualifications otherwise required by this [subtitle]
15 TITLE; and

16 (ii) [is] WAS licensed in a local jurisdiction BEFORE DECEMBER 31,
17 2021, after:

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

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

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

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

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

26 (iii) the date of the local examination.

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

1 **6-307.1.**

2 (A) THE STATE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS
3 FOR AN APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE IF THE
4 APPLICANT:

5 (1) (I) PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF OF 7 YEARS OF WORK
6 EXPERIENCE PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES; AND

7 (II) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO THE STATE
8 BOARD ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021; OR

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

13 (I) AT LEAST 576 CLASSROOM HOURS; AND

14 (II) 8,000 HOURS OF WORK EXPERIENCE.

15 (B) THE STATE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE EXPERIENCE AND EXAMINATION
16 REQUIREMENTS FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE
17 IF THE APPLICANT:

18 (1) (I) PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF OF 3 YEARS OF WORK
19 EXPERIENCE PROVIDING LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES; AND

20 (II) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO THE STATE
21 BOARD ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021; OR

22 (2) PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HAS
23 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN APPRENTICESHIP
24 PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING
25 COUNCIL OR THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP THAT CONSISTS OF AT
26 LEAST:

27 (I) 432 CLASSROOM HOURS; AND

28 (II) 6,000 HOURS OF WORK EXPERIENCE.

29 **6-308.**

30 (a) Subject to the limitations in this section, on the affirmative vote of at least a

1 majority of the authorized membership of the State Board, the State Board may waive the
2 examination requirements of this subtitle for an individual who is licensed to provide
3 electrical services as a master electrician, **LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN, OR**
4 **JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN** in another state.

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

6 (1) pays the appropriate application fee set by the Board under [§ 6-205(2)]
7 **§ 6-305** of this [title] **SUBTITLE**; and

8 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

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

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

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

14 (iv) **FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE APPLICANT**, meets a
15 7-year experience requirement in providing electrical services, at least 4 years of which
16 must have been gained prior to licensure in the other state, while under the supervision of
17 a master electrician or similarly qualified employee of a governmental unit;

18 (v) **FOR A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN LICENSE**
19 **APPLICANT, MEETS A 4-YEAR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT IN PROVIDING**
20 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES, AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN GAINED**
21 **PRIOR TO LICENSURE IN THE OTHER STATE, WHILE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A**
22 **MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR SIMILARLY QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE OF A GOVERNMENTAL**
23 **UNIT**;

24 (vi) **FOR A LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE APPLICANT,**
25 **HAS BEEN ENGAGED OR EMPLOYED REGULARLY AND PRINCIPALLY IN PROVIDING**
26 **LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL**
27 **EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUSES FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS; AND**

28 (vii) **WAS LICENSED IN THE OTHER STATE BY EXAMINATION,**
29 **AFTER MEETING REQUIREMENTS IN THAT STATE THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY**
30 **EQUIVALENT TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE.**

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

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

5 **(D) THE STATE BOARD MAY NOT GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION TO
6 AN APPLICANT WHO IS LICENSED SOLELY IN A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED
7 STATES.**

8 **(E) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PURSUE A POLICY OF RECIPROCAL
9 RECOGNITION OF ELECTRICIAN LICENSES AWARDED IN OTHER STATES.**

10 6–310.

11 (c) Before a State license expires, the State licensee periodically may renew it for
12 an additional 2–year term, if the State licensee:

13 (4) submits to the State Board a renewal application on the form that the
14 State Board provides **AND ADEQUATE EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF THE
15 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL ESTABLISHED BY
16 THE STATE BOARD.**

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

19 6–311.

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

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

25 (3) except for the **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF §
26 6–310(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE** insurance requirements of § 6–604 of this title,
27 qualifies for an active State license.

28 (c) (1) A **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** licensee on inactive status may not use a
29 State license to obtain a local license for providing electrical services as a master electrician
30 in a local jurisdiction of the State.

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

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

4 (i) after the inactive status registration certificate is issued to the
5 licensee; and

6 (ii) in an odd-numbered year] **ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE**
7 **INACTIVE STATUS.**

8 6-312.

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

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

14 (2) meets the renewal requirements of § 6-310 of this subtitle; and

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

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

22 6-315.

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

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

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

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

31 6-316.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 (i) a felony; or

14 (ii) a misdemeanor that is directly related to the fitness and
15 qualification of the applicant or licensee to provide electrical services;

16 (7) aids or abets a person to evade a provision of this title;

17 (8) willfully or deliberately disregards disciplinary action taken by a local
18 jurisdiction **AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF**
19 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES;**

20 (9) fails in a material respect to comply with a provision of this title;

21 (10) fails to train and control adequately a person who, while under the
22 supervision of the State licensee, sells or estimates electrical work **OR PROVIDES OR**
23 **ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL**
24 **SERVICES;**

25 (11) fails to maintain a local license, **IF REQUIRED**, under § 6–601 of this
26 title; [or]

27 (12) fails to maintain the general liability and property damage insurance
28 required under § 6–604 of this title;

29 **(13) OFFERS OR PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW-VOLTAGE**
30 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE LICENSE HELD BY THE**
31 **LICENSEE;**

1 **(14) PERMITS ANOTHER LICENSEE EMPLOYED BY THE INDIVIDUAL TO**
2 **PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES**
3 **OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE;**

4 **(15) WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION, FAILS TO PERFORM A CONTRACT OR**
5 **ABANDONS A PROJECT TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW-VOLTAGE**
6 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES;**

7 **(16) PROVIDES ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL**
8 **SERVICES THAT ARE INADEQUATE OR INCOMPLETE, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF**
9 **A CONTRACT OR A PROJECT;**

10 **(17) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PUBLISHES AN ADVERTISEMENT**
11 **RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES OR LOW-VOLTAGE**
12 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES THAT CONTAINS A REPRESENTATION OR STATEMENT THAT**
13 **IS FALSE, DECEPTIVE, OR MISLEADING;**

14 **(18) CERTIFIES ON A LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION THAT THE**
15 **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF LICENSE RENEWAL HAS BEEN**
16 **COMPLETED IF THE LICENSEE HAS NOT FULLY COMPLETED THE CONTINUING**
17 **EDUCATION REQUIREMENT AT THE TIME THE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION IS**
18 **SUBMITTED;**

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

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

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

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

28 (1) the nature of the crime;

29 (2) the relationship of the crime to the activities authorized by the State
30 license;

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

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

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

4 **(D) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF A**
5 **LOCAL BOARD TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL**
6 **LICENSE OR THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL PERMIT IN THAT JURISDICTION UNDER §**
7 **6-103 OF THIS TITLE.**

8 6-319.

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

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

14 6-321.

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

18 (b) Each local licensing jurisdiction shall submit a report to the State Board on
19 the number of complaints against [master] electricians licensed in the local jurisdiction on
20 or before December 1 of each year.

21 6-401.

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

25 (1) obtain a local license; and

26 (2) assign that local license to another person, **IF AUTHORIZED BY THAT**
27 **LOCAL JURISDICTION**, including a sole proprietorship, who engages in the business of
28 providing electrical services.

29 (b) (1) Subject to the limitations in this section, if an individual obtains a State
30 license on the basis of a local license under Subtitle 5 of this title and that local license has
31 been assigned to a person who engages in the business of providing electrical services, the
32 individual shall identify on the State license the person to whom that local license has been
33 assigned.

1 (2) Subject to the limitations in this section, if an individual obtains a local
2 license on the basis of a State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license and intends to assign that
3 local license to a person who engages in the business of providing electrical services, the
4 individual shall identify on the State license the person to whom that local license is to be
5 assigned.

6 (c) (1) If, at the time of application for a State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license,
7 an individual intends to assign a local license obtained on the basis of the State license, the
8 individual shall:

9 (i) meet the requirements for issuance of a State license under §
10 6–309 of this title;

11 (ii) include, on the application form submitted to the State Board,
12 the name of the person to whom the local license is to be assigned;

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

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

17 (2) If an individual obtains a State license on the basis of a local license
18 that has been assigned, the individual shall:

19 (i) meet the requirements for issuance of a State license under §
20 6–309 of this title;

21 (ii) include, on an application form submitted to the State Board, the
22 name of the person to whom the local license has been assigned;

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

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

27 (3) If, after issuance of a State **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license to an
28 individual, the individual intends to assign a local license obtained on the basis of the State
29 **MASTER ELECTRICIAN** license, the individual shall:

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

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

1 (iii) pay to the State Board an identification fee set by the State
2 Board;

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

5 (v) return the State license.

6 (d) (1) If an individual obtains a local license by the use of the State **MASTER**
7 **ELECTRICIAN** license of the individual, the local license may be assigned at any 1 time to
8 only 1 person who engages in the business of providing electrical services.

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

12 6–601.

13 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT HAS**
14 **APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER LOCAL MASTER OR**
15 **JOURNEYPerson LICENSES UNDER § 6–103 OF THIS TITLE.**

16 **(B)** Within 60 days after the issuance of a State license to an individual, the
17 individual shall hold a local license issued by the local jurisdiction where the individual:

18 (1) resides;

19 (2) has a principal business office; or

20 (3) has a resident agent.

21 6–602.

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

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

27 (1) pays any license fee that the local jurisdiction requires; and

28 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

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

1 (ii) holds an active State license; and

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

4 (c) Within 10 working days after payment of any local license fee, a local
5 jurisdiction shall issue a local license to each applicant who meets the requirements of this
6 section.

7 6–603.

8 (a) **[A master] AN** electrician may obtain an electrical permit, **A LOW–VOLTAGE**
9 **ELECTRICAL PERMIT**, or any other similar permit from a local jurisdiction, if the **[master]**
10 electrician:

11 (1) holds an active local license, if required, or a State license;

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

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

14 (b) Before a local jurisdiction issues an electrical permit, **A LOW–VOLTAGE**
15 **ELECTRICAL PERMIT**, or similar permit to **[a master] AN** electrician under this section,
16 the local jurisdiction shall give the **[master]** electrician notice of any local electrical
17 requirements with which the **[master]** electrician shall comply while providing electrical
18 services **OR LOW–VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES** in that local jurisdiction.

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

22 6–604.

23 (a) This section does not apply to a State licensee on inactive status **OR A**
24 **LICENSED LOW–VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN WHO IS PROVIDING LOW–VOLTAGE**
25 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED**
26 **MASTER ELECTRICIAN**.

27 (b) A master electrician who is licensed by the State Board and provides electrical
28 services, **A LOW–VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD**
29 **AND PROVIDES LOW–VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SERVICES**, or a person to whom **[the] A**
30 master electrician **LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD** assigns a local license under this
31 title shall:

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

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

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

4 **[6-605.**

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

9 **6-605.**

10 **(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, A PERSON MAY NOT**
11 **EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL**
12 **SERVICES UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL:**

13 **(1) IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN;**
14 **OR**

15 **(2) (I) IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A JOURNEYPERSON**
16 **ELECTRICIAN; AND**

17 **(II) PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL**
18 **SERVICES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE.**

19 **(B) AT LEAST ONE LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR JOURNEYPERSON**
20 **ELECTRICIAN SHALL BE PRESENT AT EACH JOB SITE IN WHICH ELECTRICAL**
21 **SERVICES ARE PROVIDED.**

22 **(C) AT LEAST ONE LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN, JOURNEYPERSON**
23 **ELECTRICIAN, OR LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN WHO IS PROPERLY CERTIFIED**
24 **SHALL BE PRESENT, OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY AND ACCESSIBLE BY TELEPHONE, AT**
25 **EACH JOB SITE IN WHICH ELECTRICAL SERVICES ON FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS ARE**
26 **PROVIDED.**

27 **6-606.**

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

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

5 **6-607.**

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

7 **(1) PROVIDE, ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE, OR OFFER TO PROVIDE**
8 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION IN THE STATE WITHOUT AN**
9 **APPROPRIATE LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE;**

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

13 **(3) PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION WITHOUT**
14 **OBTAINING A PERMIT FOR SUCH SERVICES IF REQUIRED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION;**
15 **OR**

16 **(4) PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE**
17 **LICENSE ISSUED TO THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER THIS TITLE.**

18 **6-608.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “OFFICER” INCLUDES A SUPERINTENDENT, A**
20 **MANAGER, OR AN AGENT OF A BUSINESS ENTITY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE**
21 **BUSINESS ENTITY ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL**
22 **SERVICES.**

23 **(B) ANY PERSON, INCLUDING AN OFFICER, WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION**
24 **OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT**
25 **TO:**

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

27 **(2) ON A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, A FINE NOT**
28 **EXCEEDING \$5,000.**

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

31 **(D) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER THIS**

1 TITLE, THE STATE BOARD MAY IMPOSE ON A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY
2 PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 FOR EACH
3 VIOLATION.

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

6 (I) THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION;

7 (II) THE GOOD FAITH OF THE VIOLATOR;

8 (III) ANY PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS BY THE VIOLATOR;

9 (IV) THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF THE VIOLATION; AND

10 (V) ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.

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

13 6-701.

14 This title may be cited as the "Maryland [Master] Electricians Act".

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

20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2020.