

HOUSE BILL 1184

C2

0lr2119

By: **Delegates Murphy, Glenn, Ross, and V. Turner**

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2010

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Occupations – Plumbers and Gas Fitters – Apprentice License**
3 **Renewal**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Plumbing to renew an apprentice
5 plumber license or apprentice natural gas fitters license for no more than a
6 certain number of consecutive terms except under certain circumstances;
7 requiring an apprentice who has held a certain license for a certain period of
8 time to appear before the Board for a certain explanation under certain
9 circumstances; authorizing the Board to renew or refuse renewal of a certain
10 license under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to renew a certain
11 license for an additional term under certain circumstances; authorizing the
12 Board to grant certain additional renewals under certain circumstances; and
13 generally relating to renewal of apprentice plumber licenses and apprentice
14 natural gas fitters licenses.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
17 Section 12–101(b) and (c) and 12–307(c) and (g)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
22 Section 12–308.1
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

27 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 12-101.

2 (b) "Apprentice natural gas fitter" means, unless the context requires
3 otherwise, an individual who is licensed by the Board to assist a master natural gas
4 fitter in providing natural gas services while:

5 (1) under the direction and control of the master natural gas fitter;
6 and

7 (2) in training to become a journeyman natural gas fitter.

8 (c) "Apprentice plumber" means, unless the context requires otherwise, an
9 individual who is licensed by the Board to assist a master plumber or a holder of a
10 limited master plumber license in providing plumbing services while:

11 (1) under the direction and control of the master plumber or holder of
12 the limited master plumber license; and

13 (2) in training to become a journey plumber.

14 12-307.

15 (c) While an apprentice plumber license is in effect, it authorizes the licensee
16 to assist in providing plumbing services only under the direction and control of a
17 master plumber or a holder of a limited master plumber license.

18 (g) While an apprentice natural gas fitters license is in effect, it authorizes
19 the licensee to provide natural gas service only under the direction and control of a
20 licensed master natural gas fitter.

21 **12-308.1.**

22 **(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE AND**
23 **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY NOT**
24 **RENEW AN APPRENTICE PLUMBER LICENSE OR AN APPRENTICE NATURAL GAS**
25 **FITTERS LICENSE FOR MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS.**

26 **(B) (1) A LICENSEE WHO HAS HELD AN APPRENTICE PLUMBER**
27 **LICENSE OR AN APPRENTICE NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE FOR FOUR**
28 **NONCONSECUTIVE TERMS SHALL APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD TO EXPLAIN THE**
29 **LICENSEE'S BREAK IN LICENSURE.**

30 **(2) AFTER HEARING THE LICENSEE'S EXPLANATION, THE BOARD**
31 **MAY RENEW OR REFUSE TO RENEW THE LICENSEE'S APPRENTICE PLUMBER**
32 **LICENSE OR APPRENTICE NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE.**

1 **(C) (1) A LICENSEE WHO HAS HELD AN APPRENTICE PLUMBER**
2 **LICENSE OR AN APPRENTICE NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE FOR FOUR**
3 **CONSECUTIVE TERMS WHO HAS NOT TAKEN OR REGISTERED TO TAKE A**
4 **JOURNEY PLUMBER EXAMINATION OR JOURNEYMAN GAS FITTERS**
5 **EXAMINATION SHALL APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD TO EXPLAIN THE LICENSEE'S**
6 **FAILURE TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION.**

7 **(2) AFTER HEARING THE LICENSEE'S EXPLANATION, THE BOARD**
8 **MAY RENEW OR REFUSE TO RENEW THE LICENSEE'S APPRENTICE PLUMBER**
9 **LICENSE OR APPRENTICE NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE.**

10 **(D) (1) IF THE LICENSEE FAILS A JOURNEY PLUMBER EXAMINATION**
11 **OR JOURNEYMAN GAS FITTERS EXAMINATION, THE BOARD MAY RENEW FOR AN**
12 **ADDITIONAL 2-YEAR TERM THE LICENSE OF A LICENSEE WHO HAS HELD AN**
13 **APPRENTICE PLUMBER LICENSE OR AN APPRENTICE NATURAL GAS FITTERS**
14 **LICENSE FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE TERMS .**

15 **(2) THE BOARD MAY GRANT AN ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FOR EACH**
16 **FAILED EXAMINATION.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2010.