

HOUSE BILL 361

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By: **Chair, Economic Matters Committee**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Master Electricians – Sunset Extension and Revision**

3 FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Master Electricians in accordance
4 with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by
5 extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory
6 and regulatory authority of the State Board; requiring the State Board to adopt
7 regulations to establish continuing education requirements; conditioning the
8 ability to renew a certain license on compliance with certain continuing
9 education requirements; requiring that an evaluation of the State Board and
10 the statutes and regulations that relate to the State Board be performed on or
11 before a certain date; requiring the State Board, in conjunction with the
12 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, to submit a certain report on
13 or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board of Master
14 Electricians.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
17 Section 6–205, 6–310(c), and 6–702
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2010 Replacement Volume)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
21 Article – State Government
22 Section 8–403(a)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
3 Article – State Government
4 Section 8–403(b)(18)
5 Annotated Code of Maryland
6 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

9 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

10 6–205.

11 In addition to any powers and duties set forth elsewhere, the State Board shall:

12 (1) twice a year hold a seminar and invite members from each local
13 licensing jurisdiction to discuss any industry or licensing problems; and

14 (2) adopt regulations to establish:

15 (i) application and examination fees; [and]

16 **(II) CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS; AND**

17 **[(ii)] (III) application deadlines.**

18 6–310.

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

21 (1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

22 (2) pays to the State Board a renewal fee of \$25; [and]

23 **(3) COMPLIES WITH CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**
24 **ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD IN REGULATION; AND**

25 **[(3)] (4) submits to the State Board a renewal application on the**
26 **form that the State Board provides.**

27 6–702.

1 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland
2 Program Evaluation Act, this title and all regulations adopted under this title shall
3 terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2013] **2023**.

4 Article – State Government

5 8–403.

6 (a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a
7 governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a
8 preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this
9 section.

10 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before
11 the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation
12 shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and
13 regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:

14 (18) Electricians, State Board of Master (§ 6–201 of the Business
15 Occupations and Professions Article: July 1, [2012] **2022**);

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1,
17 2012, the State Board of Master Electricians, in conjunction with the Department of
18 Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, shall submit a report to the Senate Education,
19 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters
20 Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the
21 status of nonstatutory alternative recommendations contained in the Sunset Review:
22 Evaluation of the State Board of Master Electricians conducted by the Department of
23 Legislative Services, specifically:

24 (1) the enforcement of the reporting requirements established under
25 Chapter 163 of the Acts of 2002;

26 (2) the implementation of continuing education requirements for
27 master electricians;

28 (3) the findings of the Division of Occupational and Professional
29 Licensing on appropriate membership of the State Board of Master Electricians,
30 including whether it remains feasible to have three consumer member positions; and

31 (4) whether to limit the number of employees that may work under a
32 qualified license.

33 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 July 1, 2011.