

HOUSE BILL 10

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By: **Delegate Haddaway-Riccio**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Occupations – Electrical Inspectors – Master Electrician License**
3 **Required**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring ~~the State, a county, or a~~ a county or municipal
5 corporation to employ as electrical inspectors only individuals who hold, or have
6 previously held within a certain period of time under certain circumstances, a
7 State license or local license, as applicable, to provide electrical services as a
8 master electrician; providing a certain exception to the requirement; providing
9 for the application of this Act; and generally relating to licensing requirements
10 for electrical inspectors.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
13 Section 6–101(a), (g), (h), and (k)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
18 Section 6–313
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

3 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

4 6–101.

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

6 (g) “Local license” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license
7 that is issued by a local board to provide electrical services as a master electrician.

8 (h) “Master electrician” means an individual who has the experience,
9 knowledge, and skill to provide electrical services in all aspects of the electrical trade,
10 in a manner that complies with applicable plans, specifications, codes, or law.

11 (k) “State license” means a license that is issued by the State Board to a
12 master electrician.

13 6–313.

14 (A) ~~(1) THE STATE, A COUNTY, OR A~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
15 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
16 MAY EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL AS AN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR ONLY IF THE
17 INDIVIDUAL:

18 ~~(1)~~ (I) HOLDS A STATE LICENSE OR LOCAL LICENSE, AS
19 APPLICABLE; OR

20 ~~(2)~~ (II) PREVIOUSLY HELD WITHIN THE LAST 5 YEARS, A STATE
21 LICENSE OR LOCAL LICENSE, AS APPLICABLE, THAT WAS NOT SUSPENDED OR
22 REVOKED.

23 (2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A
24 COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT:

25 (I) USES COMBINATION BUILDING CODE INSPECTORS TO
26 CONDUCT CONCURRENT TRADE SPECIFIC INSPECTIONS ON RESIDENTIAL OR
27 COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH ADOPTED
28 ELECTRICAL AND BUILDING CODES; OR

29 (II) CONDUCTS ELECTRICAL CODE INSPECTIONS UNDER
30 THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN.

1 **[(a)] (B)** An individual may not have any financial interest in any electrical
2 business while employed by the State, a county, or a local government as an electrical
3 inspector.

4 **[(b)] (C)** (1) On appointment or employment as an electrical inspector,
5 the individual:

6 (i) shall place the State license of the individual on inactive
7 status; and

8 (ii) except for the renewal fee, shall meet the inactive status
9 requirements of § 6–311 of this subtitle.

10 (2) The State Board may issue an electrical inspector identification
11 card to an electrical inspector who has placed the State license on inactive status.

12 (3) The State Board may not charge a fee to issue the identification
13 card.

14 **[(c)] (D)** The State Board may change the status of an electrical inspector to
15 individual inactive status, if the electrical inspector:

16 (1) meets the inactive status requirements of § 6–311 of this subtitle;
17 and

18 (2) pays an inactive status fee of \$50.

19 **[(d)] (E)** On termination of the appointment or employment of an individual
20 as an electrical inspector, the State Board shall reactivate the State license of the
21 individual who is on inactive status, without examination, if the individual meets the
22 reactivation requirements for a State license under § 6–311(f) of this subtitle,
23 including payment of the reactivation fee.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
25 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have
26 any effect on or application to any electrical inspector employed by ~~the State, a county,~~
27 ~~or a~~ a county or municipal corporation before the effective date of this Act.

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2012.