Chapter 122

(House Bill 368)

AN ACT concerning

Business Occupations and Professions – State Board of Plumbing – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the State Board of Plumbing to require that one member be from the area that consists of Carroll and Howard counties and one member be from the area that consists of Cecil and Harford counties; <u>providing for a delayed effective date</u>; and generally relating to the membership of the State Board of Plumbing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Business Occupations and Professions Section 12–202(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

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- (a) (1) The Board consists of 9 members.
 - (2) Of the 9 members of the Board:
 - (i) 7 shall be plumbers; and
 - (ii) 2 shall be consumer members.
 - (3) Of the 7 plumber members of the Board:
 - (i) at least 6 shall be master plumbers; and
 - (ii) 1 may be a journey plumber or a master plumber.

(4) Subject to paragraph (6) of this subsection, of the 7 plumber members of the Board:

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(i) 2 shall be from Baltimore City;

(ii) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties;

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

(iv) 1 shall be from the area that consists of Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery, and Washington counties; [and]

(v) [2] 1 shall be from the area that consists of Carroll[, Cecil, Harford,] and Howard counties; AND

(VI) 1 SHALL BE FROM THE AREA THAT CONSISTS OF CECIL AND HARFORD COUNTIES.

(5) A consumer member may not reside in the same county as a plumber member.

(6) A member may not reside in a county or area of a county that is exempted from this title.

(7) The Governor shall appoint the members with the advice of the Secretary and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012 May 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.

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