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## COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

2023 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

### Legislative Bill 2023-08

Introduced: June 20, 2023

Introduced by: Council President at the Request of the Electrical Board and County Executive

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 138 OF THE WICOMICO COUNTY CODE, TITLED “ELECTRICAL STANDARDS,” ARTICLE I, TITLED “GENERAL PROVISIONS” AND ARTICLE II TITLED “REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICIANS AND INSPECTIONS”

WHEREAS, the Wicomico County Code requires electricians to be examined and licensed by the Electrical Board of Wicomico County; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Maryland Legislature passed the Maryland Electricians Act. Prior to this law, each county administered the accreditation of electricians. The Maryland Electricians Act removed the certification and oversight of local electricians from the counties to the State.; and

WHEREAS Wicomico County’s Chapter 138 is not compliant with the State of Maryland requirements concerning electrical licensing and registration; and

WHEREAS the Wicomico County Electrical Board has reviewed the current County Code and recommends that the Code be amended to conform with State law.

Section I. BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION, that Chapter 138 of The Wicomico County Code, Titled “Electrical Standards,” Article I, Titled “General Provisions” and Article II Titled “Registration Of Electricians And Inspections” are hereby amended, to read as follows:

#### Chapter 138

#### Electrical Standards

#### Article I

§ 138-1. Authority; purpose.

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in ~~Article 25A, Section 5, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition) and the amendments thereto, Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition)~~ TITLE 6 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE, OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND ~~and the amendments thereto and Chapter 3 of the Laws of Wicomico County, Maryland, of 1967,~~ and further for the protection and promotion of the health, comfort, safety and welfare of the citizens of Wicomico County, the

following rules, regulations and provisions are enacted, adopted and established with respect to electrical wiring in the construction, reconstruction, alteration or repair of buildings, structures or any outdoor electrical display or sign, outside the limits of incorporated towns and cities in Wicomico County, except inside the limits of such incorporated towns and cities where the Charter of such Incorporated towns and cities contains no provision to regulate the subject matter of this chapter.

§ 138-3. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

#### **APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN**

AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES WHILE: (1) UNDER THE DIRECTION OR CONTROL OF A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN; AND (2) IN TRAINING TO BECOME A JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN.

#### **~~Certificate of Registration, Registration or Certificate~~**

~~The terms shall be synonymous with the term license.~~

#### **~~Electrician general~~**

~~Any person engaged only in single phase house wiring, limited to a dwelling containing no more than four family units, and commercial wiring limited to circuits of not more than 100 amperes single phase in a commercial structure.~~

#### **JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN**

AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES WHILE: (1) UNDER THE DIRECTION OR CONTROL OF A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN; AND (2) IN TRAINING TO BECOME A MASTER ELECTRICIAN.

#### **LICENSE**

A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES.

#### **Master Electrician**

~~A person engaged in the business of or holding himself out to the public as engaged in the business of installing, erecting and repairing or contracting to install, erect or repair, electric wire or conductors to be used for the transmission of electric current for electric light, heat or power purposes or mouldings, ducts, raceways or conduits for the reception or protection of such wires or conductors or to electrical machinery, apparatus, devices or fixtures to be used for electric light, heat or power purposes or planning, estimating, laying out and supervising such electrical work.~~ a  
AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN. A MASTER ELECTRICIAN IS

ALSO AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM ANY WORK WHICH AN ELECTRICIAN LIMITED MAY PERFORM.

### **SHELVING**

THE TEMPORARY PLACING OF A REGISTRATION WITH THE BOARD IN AN INACTIVE STATUS.

### **STATE BOARD**

REFERS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS.

### **Supervise or Supervision**

Under the direction of and subject to the inspection of the supervisory party (be the party a master electrician, ~~electrician general~~ or electrician limited) and to the end that the supervising party shall be responsible for the work of one who works under him as though such work has been done by such supervising party and further subject to the ~~licensing~~ provisions herein. AN INDIVIDUAL MAY ALSO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES WHEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO THE BUILDING OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE, §6-605 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED.

### **§ 138-5. Removal of members.**

The County Executive may remove any member of the Board for misconduct, incompetency, neglect of duty or for any other sufficient cause. An unexcused failure to attend three consecutive meetings shall be deemed sufficient cause for removal. IF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE DECIDES THAT THE REMOVAL OF A MEMBER IS NECESSARY PRIOR TO THE END OF THE MEMBER'S TERM, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAY IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND THE MEMBER UNTIL THE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMS OR DENIES TERMINATION WITH A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE. UPON SUSPENSION, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MUST IMMEDIATELY INFORM BOTH THE MEMBER AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL, IN WRITING, AS TO THE REASON FOR SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION, AND THE COUNCIL HAS SIXTY (60) DAYS TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE TERMINATION.

### **§ 138-10. Records and reports.**

A. The Board shall keep a record of its proceedings and a register of all applications for registration, which register shall show:

- (1) The name, age and residence of each applicant.
- (2) The date of the application.
- (3) The place of business of such applicant.
- (4) The qualifications of the applicant TO INCLUDE A VALID MARYLAND STATE LICENSE.

- ~~(5) — Whether or not an examination was required.~~
- ~~(6)~~ (5) Whether the applicant was rejected.
- ~~(7)~~ (6) Whether a certificate of registration was granted.
- ~~(8)~~ (7) The date of the action of the Board.
- ~~(9)~~ (8) Such other information as may be deemed necessary by the Board.

## General Provisions

### Article II

#### Registration of Electricians and Inspections

#### **§ 138-12. Evidence of qualifications; registration required.**

In order to safeguard life and property, any person holding himself out in the general public as a master electrician, JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN, APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN or electrician, ~~general or~~ LIMITED in this County shall submit evidence that he is qualified as such an electrician and shall be registered as provided in this section. No person shall hold himself out in the public in the County as being a qualified master electrician, JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN, APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN, OR electrician, ~~general or~~ LIMITED, as defined in § 138-3, or use in connection with his name or otherwise assume, use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that he is a master electrician, JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN, APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN, or electrician, ~~general or~~ LIMITED, unless such person has been duly registered under the provisions of this chapter.

#### **§ 138-13. General requirements for registration.**

The following shall be considered as the minimum evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant is qualified for registration as a master electrician, JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN, APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN, or electrician, ~~general or~~ LIMITED, respectively:

A. As a master, JOURNEYPERSON OR APPRENTICE electrician: IN ORDER TO BE REGISTERED IN WICOMICO COUNTY, A PERSON SHALL (1) SHOW PROOF OF THEIR ACTIVE MARYLAND STATE LICENSE; AND (2) PAY THE REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE.

~~(1) — The applicant shall have been regularly and principally employed and engaged in electrical construction, maintenance, installation and repair of all types of electrical equipment and apparatus for a period of not less than seven years or the equivalent thereof. Such employment shall be under the direction and supervision of a master electrician.~~

~~(2) — A reasonable knowledge of electricity and the natural laws and functions of electric wires, appliances and devices for electric light, heat and power purposes and skill and knowledge in all matters relating to the work or business of the master electrician, as defined in § 138-3 of this chapter.~~

~~(3) — Qualifications for master electrician shall require that an applicant be a bona fide electrical contractor as determined by the Board of Electrical Examiners, have a permanent place of business and devote a majority of his time to the electrical contracting business or express intention to do the above and, in fact, comply with the above requirements to the satisfaction of the Board within 90 days from the date of issuance of any license hereunder.~~

~~(4) — An applicant may be credited a maximum of two years' practical experience for a journal course of study or training in electrical installation at a trade school or other educational institution.~~

~~(5) — An electrician in charge of an electrical department in a commercial or an industrial operation may be licensed as a master electrician whose work shall be confined solely to the internal work of his employer.~~

~~B. — As an electrician general: a reasonable knowledge of electricity insofar as it relates to the particular type or types of equipment pertaining to the business of general electrician, as defined in § 138-3 of this chapter.~~

~~C. As an electrician limited: a reasonable knowledge of electricity insofar as it relates to the business of electricians limited, as defined in § 138-3 of this chapter.~~

B. MASTER ELECTRICIAN. IN ORDER TO PERFORM ELECTRICAL WORK AS DEFINED HEREIN FOR A MASTER ELECTRICIAN, A PERSON MUST BE DULY REGISTERED HEREUNDER AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

C. JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN. IN ORDER TO PERFORM ELECTRICAL WORK AS DEFINED HEREIN FOR A JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN, A PERSON MUST BE DULY REGISTERED HEREUNDER AS A JOURNEYPerson ELECTRICIAN IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

D. APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN. IN ORDER TO PERFORM ELECTRICAL WORK AS DEFINED HEREIN FOR AN APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN, A PERSON MUST BE DULY REGISTERED HEREUNDER AS AN APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

E. IN ORDER TO BE REGISTERED AS AN ELECTRICIAN LIMITED, A PERSON SHALL:

- (1) BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE;
- (2) PASS THE TEST GIVEN BY THE BOARD OR PROVE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE BOARD THAT THE APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED TO PERFORM SUCH ELECTRICAL WORK;

(3) PROVIDE PROOF OF THE REQUIRED INSURANCE AS SPECIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER; AND

(4) PAY THE REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE.

F. ELECTRICIAN LIMITED. IN ORDER TO PERFORM ELECTRICAL WORK AS DEFINED HEREIN FOR AN ELECTRICIAN LIMITED, A PERSON MUST BE SO REGISTERED AS AN ELECTRICIAN LIMITED (WITH THE PROPER ENDORSEMENT ON SAID REGISTRATION TO ALLOW THE WORK IN SUCH LIMITED FIELDS) OR BE REGISTERED AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

G. DISPLAY OF LICENSE OR REGISTRATION. ANY MASTER ELECTRICIAN DULY REGISTERED HEREUNDER SHALL PUBLICLY DISPLAY THE WORDING "LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN" TOGETHER WITH THE MARYLAND STATE LICENSE NUMBER ON THE EXTERIOR OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLES USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE REGISTRATION HOLDER'S BUSINESS.

**§ 138-15. Fees and insurance.**

A. The registration fee for ~~all classifications (master electrician and electrician general), except electrician limited,~~ shall be ~~\$100~~ \$150. The registration fee for electrician limited, JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN AND APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN shall be ~~\$50~~ \$75. Twenty dollars of the required fee shall accompany the application, the remainder to be paid upon notification that the application has been approved. Subject to final payment, a registration certificate will be issued by the Board to the approved applicant. Should the Board deny the issuance of a certificate of registration to any applicant, the initial fee deposited shall be retained as an application fee.

B. Before any registration certificate will be issued, or any biannual renewal thereof, the applicant must submit proof and certification of coverage under a general liability insurance policy with an insurance carrier approved by the Maryland State Insurance Commission with minimum limits of \$100,000 per occurrence and property damage insurance in the amount of \$300,000. Notice of cancellation of general liability insurance or property damage insurance, or any change in the insured status, shall be forwarded to the Board within 10 calendar days of the effective date of the insurance cancellation or status change.

C. The annual registration fee for an electrical inspector shall be ~~\$100~~ \$150. Electrical inspectors shall carry errors and omissions/professional liability insurance in an amount of at least \$300,000.

D. The registration fee for a nongovernmental inspection agency shall be ~~\$150~~ \$250. Nongovernmental inspection agencies shall carry errors and omissions/professional liability insurance in an amount of at least \$300,000.

**§ 138-16. Issuance of certificate; significance; notice of suspension.**

D. (1) Any electrician duly ~~licensed~~ REGISTERED hereunder may, upon written request, have his ~~license~~ REGISTRATION shelved. Shelving periods shall be at the discretion of

the Board, but shall not exceed five years. In the event that a ~~license~~ REGISTRATION has been shelved for a period of three years or more, the Board may require an interview ~~or retesting, or both,~~ of the individual asking to have his ~~license~~ REGISTRATION unshelved. An annual fee for shelving may be charged, and no work may be done under a shelved ~~license~~ REGISTRATION during the shelving periods.

(2) IF AN ELECTRICIAN IS CLASSIFIED AS UNINSURED WITH THE STATE BOARD, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST NOTIFY THE COUNTY AND PROVIDE PROOF OF THE UNINSURED CLASSIFICATION. ANY ELECTRICIAN CLASSIFIED AS UNINSURED BY THE STATE BOARD SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHELVE THE COUNTY REGISTRATION.

**§ 138-17. Reciprocity.**

The Board shall, upon application therefor and the payment of the regular fee and without examination, issue a certificate of registration as ~~master electrician, electrician general or electrician limited~~ to any person who holds a certificate of qualification or registration issued to him by the proper authorities of any County, state or territory or district of the United States, or of any country, provided that the requirements where the aforesaid registration was issued do not conflict with the provisions of this chapter and are of a standard not lower than that specified in this chapter for the classification to be issued by this Board, and further provided that the same rights are given to electrical contractors of this County.

**§ 138-18. Expiration and renewal of certificates.**

A. Certificates of registration shall expire on the last day of the month of June two years following their issuance or renewal and shall become invalid on that day unless renewed.

B. All applicants for renewal shall demonstrate THAT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION, AS SET FORTH IN §138-13, ARE SATISFIED. ~~they have received 10 continuing education credits during each biannual period before renewal of certificate registration may be granted. The Board must accept continuing education hours obtained from a licensed college, trade school, or other state recognized training program, but five of the 10 hours of continuing education must be obtained in a classroom setting.~~

C. Renewal may be effected at any time during the month of June in the year the certificate of registration expires by payment of the biannual fee, which shall be equal to the original cost for such class of certification of registration. The failure on the part of any registrant to renew his certificate biannually in the month of June, as required by this section, shall not deprive such person of the right of renewal, but the fee to be paid for the renewal of a certificate after the month of June shall be increased \$5 for each month or fraction of a month that payment of the renewal fee is delayed, up to three years, at which time the ~~license~~ REGISTRATION will become canceled.

**§ 138-19. Reprimand, suspension or revocation of certificates.**

A. The Board may reprimand any registrant, or suspend or revoke the certificate of registration of any registrant that is found guilty of:

- (1) The practice of any fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate of registration.
- (2) Any gross negligence, incompetency or misconduct in supplying material or performing services as an electrical contractor.
- (3) Permitting or causing defective electrical work, if done deliberately or if not corrected within 15 days, or longer if necessary, at the discretion of the Board, following notice thereof by the Board.
- (4) Any negligence, incompetency or misconduct in performing services as an electrical inspector or as an electrical inspection agency.
- (5) A CONVICTION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY STATE FOR A FELONY; OR A MISDEMEANOR THAT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FITNESS AND QUALIFICATION OF THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUILDING OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE, § 6-316(A)(6) AND (C), OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED.
- (6) FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A VALID MARYLAND STATE ELECTRICIAN LICENSE.
- (7) ANY VIOLATION HEREOF.

B. Any person may prefer charges of fraud, deceit, gross negligence or misconduct against any registrant. Such charges shall be in writing and shall be sworn to by the person making them and shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board.

C. All charges, unless dismissed by the Board as unfounded or trivial, shall be heard by the Board within three months after the date on which they shall have been preferred.

#### **§ 138-20. Reissuance and replacement of certificates.**

D. REEXAMINATION REQUIREMENT. IN ANY CASE OF A REVOKED OR SUSPENDED REGISTRATION FOR AN ELECTRICIAN LIMITED, THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE REEXAMINATION OR RETESTING OF THE APPLICANT.

#### **§ 138-21. Examinations.**

A. ~~Master electrician. The scope of examinations, whether oral or written, or both, shall include basic knowledge of electricity, knowledge of the National Electrical Code and knowledge of the Wicomico County Electrical Code. Seventy percent shall be deemed a passing mark. Special reference will be given by the Board to the applicant's ability to place, install and operate electrical wires, appliances and apparatus.~~

B. ~~Electrician general. The scope of examinations, if required, whether oral or written, or both, shall be from the National Electrical Code and the Wicomico County Electrical Code. Seventy percent shall be deemed a passing mark. Special reference shall be given by the Board~~



~~to the applicant's ability to place, install and operate electrical wires, appliances and apparatus.~~  
~~[Amended 4-6-2004 by Bill No. 2004-3]~~

A. ELECTRICIAN LIMITED. THE SCOPE OF EXAMINATIONS, WHETHER ORAL OR WRITTEN, OR BOTH, SHALL INCLUDE BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF ELECTRICITY, KNOWLEDGE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE WICOMICO COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE. SEVENTY PERCENT SHALL BE DEEMED A PASSING MARK. SPECIAL REFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN BY THE BOARD TO THE APPLICANT'S ABILITY TO PLACE, INSTALL AND OPERATE ELECTRICAL WIRES, APPLIANCES AND APPARATUS. THE TEST SHALL BE SET AND APPROVED, BY A MAJORITY VOTE, BY THE BOARD.

€ B. An applicant failing an examination may, upon request, be permitted to examine his corrected examination papers in the presence of a Board member and may apply for reexamination within one year of application without additional fee. Subsequently, applications will be granted upon payment of a fee to be determined by the Board, except that no such fee shall be more than \$10.

**§ 138-23. Nonapplicability.**

A. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to, and no certificate of registration shall be required of or by:

(1) Any electric light or power company, electric railway company, steam railway company, diesel railway company or telegraph, telephone or cable television company, nor to any person performing the electrical work of any such company, when such work is a part of the plant or services used by the company in rendering its authorized service to the public.

(2) Any person employed by any other person to repair and maintain or to supervise the repair and maintenance of any electrical equipment on the premises and buildings of the employer, except that such employers are not relieved of the duty prescribed by § 138-24 of this chapter.

(3) Any person doing electrical work in a single-family dwelling used exclusively for living purposes, provided that that person is a bona fide owner and occupant of such dwelling for a period of six months immediately following completion and said owner and occupant purchases all materials and personally performs all labor in connection therewith, except that such work is not relieved of the duties as required by § 138-24 of this chapter.

~~(4) Any employee of any person engaged in the performance of electrical work while under the supervision of any master electrician or electrician general or electrician limited.~~

~~(4)-(5)~~ Property used exclusively for farming purposes, as defined by the Wicomico County Zoning Code, is excluded from all provisions of this chapter except the requirements of § 138-24B and C.

~~B. Nothing in this chapter shall be so construed as to forbid insertion in electrical circuits by unlicensed persons of devices or appliances which are properly designed for such insertion and for which proper wiring and insertion devices are installed.~~

€ B. Nothing in this chapter shall be so construed as to restrict anyone from servicing equipment in the fields of heating, air conditioning, refrigeration or appliances, WHEN ELECTRICAL WIRING IS NOT INSTALLED, REMOVED OR REPLACED.

Đ C. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to or limit in any way the construction, reconstruction, authorization, maintenance or repair of any federal or state building.

### **§ 138-24. Inspections; permits.**

A. No person holding a certificate of registration as a master electrician, JOURNEYPERSON ELECTRICIAN, APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN, ~~electrician general~~ or electrician limited shall install any new or used electrical wires, conduits, machinery, apparatus or any kind of electrical equipment, fixtures, appliances or devices without the prescribed inspections and approval of the electrical inspection authority, except in case of emergency when such inspections and approval will follow the actual work required within a reasonable time.

C. Inspections shall be by recognized inspectors approved and ~~licensed~~ REGISTERED by this Board. Said electrical inspectors shall make all inspections within seven work days of the receipt of an application for inspection. No light or power company, whether public or private, shall connect any current, light or power to any property without first obtaining a permanent or temporary cut-in-card from electrical inspectors having jurisdiction thereof, except in case of an emergency when service may be restored by a licensed contractor prior to obtaining such cut-in-card. No permanent or temporary cut-in-card shall be issued unless said cut-in-card is requested by a licensed contractor to whom a registration certificate has been issued under the provisions of this chapter, except for work being done or which has been done by persons who are not required to obtain registration certificates under the provisions of this chapter.

#### **§ 138-24.1. Electrical inspectors and inspection agencies.**

A. (1) The Board shall issue a certificate of registration as an electrical inspector to any applicant who has complied with the requirements of this chapter and who, in the opinion of the Board, has satisfactorily demonstrated his/her qualification to inspect the installation of electrical work. Any such applicant must HAVE A VALID MARYLAND, VIRGINIA OR DELAWARE STATE MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE, WHICH HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR AND be certified by the State Fire Marshal, as a certified nongovernmental electrical inspector to inspect electrical installations for conformity with the National Electrical Code or any adopted local electrical code or amendments. An electrical inspector must place ~~his/her~~ ONE'S MARYLAND STATE MASTER electrician license

on ~~inactive~~ UNINSURED status ~~or the equivalent or shelve such license as provided in this chapter.~~ AND PROVIDE PROOF OF UNINSURED STATUS TO THE COUNTY.

(2) IN LIEU OF THE LICENSING PROVISION SPECIFIED IN SECTION A(1) HEREOF, AN APPLICANT WHO, IN THE OPINION OF THE BOARD, HAS SATISFACTORILY DEMONSTRATED HIS/HER QUALIFICATION TO INSPECT THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL WORK SHALL:

(A) BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE ELECTRICAL TRADE AS A LICENSED ELECTRICIAN OR ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR IN EITHER THE STATES OF MARYLAND, DELAWARE OR VIRGINIA, OR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD ANY OTHER STATE, FOR A TOTAL OF NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS WITHIN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS FROM THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR AN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR'S REGISTRATION; AND

(B) HOLD A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL; AND

(C) HOLD THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS (IAEI) CERTIFICATIONS:

(I) ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS (2A);

(II) PLAN REVIEW (2C);

(III) ELECTRICAL GENERAL (2B) OR CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR-MASTER (CEI-M); AND

(D) TAKE AND SUCCESSFULLY PASS A WICOMICO COUNTY ELECTRICAL BOARD INSPECTOR'S EXAMINATION.

B. The Board may issue a certificate of registration as an electrical inspection agency to any nongovernmental organization which has complied with the requirements of this chapter and who, in the opinion of the Board, has satisfactorily demonstrated its qualification to inspect the installation of electrical work. In determining the qualifications of an inspection agency, the Board of Electrical Examiners, shall consider the record of the inspection agency in any jurisdiction within or without this state, as well as other objective indicators relating to the qualifications of the agency to inspect the installation of electrical work.

(1) No inspection agency shall be issued a certificate of registration as an electrical inspection agency until the electrical inspectors of such agency, WHO WILL INSPECT IN WICOMICO COUNTY, shall have obtained a qualification certificate PURSUANT TO THE PRECEDDING PARAGRAPH A.

~~(2) Each inspector employed by an registered electrical inspection agency must place his/her electrician license on inactive status or shelve such license as provided in this chapter and must be registered as an inspector with the Board.~~

C. It shall be unlawful for:

- (1) Any person to perform electrical inspections or hold ~~himself~~ ONESELF out to the public as a qualified electrical inspector under the terms of this chapter unless duly ~~licensed~~-REGISTERED hereunder;
- (2) Any inspection agency to perform electrical inspections or hold itself out to the public as a qualified electrical inspection agency under the terms of this chapter unless duly ~~licensed~~-REGISTERED hereunder.

§138-24.2 RIGHT OF ENTRY.

ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL HAVE ALL SUCH RIGHTS OF ENTRY AS ARE NECESSARY AND PROPER TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE HEREWITH.

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT this bill shall be known as Legislative Bill No. 2023-08 and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its enactment, unless a proper Petition for Referendum thereof shall be filed prior to said date; in which event, the Bill shall not take effect until the expiration of thirty (30) days following the approval of this Bill by a majority of the qualified voters of the County voting in any such referendum.

Certified correct as passed and adopted by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

 (SEAL)

By: John T. Cannon, President

 (SEAL)

By: Laura Hurley, Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the above Bill are available to the public, the press and other news media at the time of its introduction.

 (SEAL)

By: Laura Hurley, Secretary

Explanation:

Strike Out indicates matters deleted from existing law.

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTERS ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

CAPITAL STRIKE OUT indicates matter stricken from Bill by Amendment.

Underlining indicates Amendments to Bill

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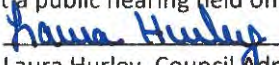
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**Legislative Bill No. 2023-08:** An Act To Amend Chapter 138 Of The Wicomico County Code, Titled "Electrical Standards," Article I, Titled "General Provisions" And Article Ii Titled "Registration Of Electricians And Inspections".


Introduced and read first time on June 20, 2023. Ordered posted and public hearing scheduled for July 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Hurley, Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing held on July 18, 2023.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Hurley, Council Administrator

**CERTIFICATION:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Bill was Approved and Adopted by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Hurley, Council Administrator

Presented to the County Executive for approval this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July at 9:11 a.m. (5 days §411)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Hurley, Council Administrator

**BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County Executive

APPROVED  
Date: 7/20/23  
(21 days §411)

VETOED  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BY THE COUNCIL:**

Option One: This Bill, having been approved by the County Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on July 20, 2023 and effective on: September 18, 2023.  
(60 days §311)

Option Two: This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the County Executive with 21 days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_ and becomes effective on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(60 days §311)

Option Three: This Bill, being exempt from the Executive Veto stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_ and becomes effective on \_\_\_\_\_. (Charter Section 305)

**ENROLLMENT:** Legislative Bill No. 2023-08 is herewith submitted to the County Council of Wicomico County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

  
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Laura Hurley, Council Administrator