

## **Chapter 445**

### **(House Bill 956)**

AN ACT concerning

#### **Electricians, Gas Fitters, HVAC Contractors, and Plumbers – Display of Licenses and License Numbers**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county or municipal corporation, subject to a certain exception, from requiring a certain licensed gas fitter, plumber, or heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration (HVAC) contractor to display a certain certificate number on certain vehicles used for providing certain services; prohibiting a county or municipal corporation, subject to certain exceptions, from requiring a certain licensed master electrician to display a certain license number on certain vehicles used for providing certain services; requiring a master electrician who holds a certain license or certain licenses to display a State license number on certain vehicles used for providing certain services; and generally relating to the display of licenses and license numbers on vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
Section 6–301 and 12–311  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Business Regulation  
Section 9A–401  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 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**

6–301.

(a) Each county shall:

(1) adopt regulations that have qualifications comparable to § 6–304, to provide for the licensing and regulation of master electricians; or

(2) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as a master electrician; and

(ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

(b) Each municipal corporation shall:

(1) adopt regulations that have qualifications comparable to, or more stringent than, § 6-304 of this subtitle to provide for the licensing and regulation of master electricians;

(2) adopt the electrical rules and regulations of the county in which the municipal corporation is located; or

(3) (i) require a State license for providing electrical services as a master electrician; and

(ii) enforce the provisions of this title.

~~(C) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT ADOPT A REGULATION OR ENACT A LAW THAT REQUIRES A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO DISPLAY A LICENSE NUMBER ON EACH VEHICLE USED ON THE JOB FOR PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES.~~

~~(D)~~ (C) EACH LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN SHALL DISPLAY THE STATE LICENSE NUMBER OR THE COUNTY LICENSE NUMBER OF THE LICENSEE ON EACH VEHICLE USED ON THE JOB FOR PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES.

(D) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT ADOPT A RESOLUTION OR ENACT A LAW THAT REQUIRES A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE WHO IS COMPLIANT WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION TO DISPLAY ADDITIONAL LICENSE NUMBERS ON EACH VEHICLE USED ON THE JOB FOR PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES.

12-311.

(a) (1) Each master plumber shall display:

(i) the master plumber license and the license number conspicuously in the principal place of business of the master plumber; and

(ii) the license number of the master plumber license on each vehicle used on the job for providing plumbing services.

(2) Each holder of a limited master plumber license shall display:

(i) the limited master plumber license and the license number conspicuously in the principal place of business of the holder of the limited master plumber license; and

(ii) the license number of the limited master plumber license on each vehicle used on the job for providing plumbing services.

(3) Each holder of a propane gas fitter certificate shall display:

(i) the propane gas fitter certificate and the certificate number conspicuously in the principal place of business of the certificate holder; and

(ii) the certificate number of the propane gas fitter certification on each vehicle used on the job in providing propane gas services.

(4) Each holder of a master natural gas fitters license shall display:

(i) the master natural gas fitters license and the license number conspicuously in the principal place of business of the license holder; and

(ii) the license number of the master natural gas fitters license on each vehicle used on the job for providing natural gas services.

**(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT REQUIRE A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO DISPLAY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CERTIFICATE NUMBER ON EACH VEHICLE USED ON THE JOB FOR PROVIDING PLUMBING, NATURAL GAS FITTING, OR PROPANE GAS FITTING SERVICES.**

**(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO BALTIMORE COUNTY OR THE AREAS IN THE STATE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION.**

**[(b)] (C)** Each licensee shall give the Board and any appropriate licensing authority written notice of any change of name, address, or employment from that which appears on the current license, at least 10 working days before the change is to take effect.

### **Article – Business Regulation**

9A-401.

(a) Each licensed master, master restricted, or limited heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor shall display:

(1) the license and the license number conspicuously in the principal place of business of the licensee; and

(2) the license number of the licensee on each vehicle used on the job for providing heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services.

**(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT REQUIRE A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO DISPLAY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CERTIFICATE NUMBER ON EACH VEHICLE USED ON THE JOB FOR PROVIDING HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION SERVICES.**

**(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.**

**[(b)] (C)** Each licensee shall give the Board written notice of any change of name, address, or employment from that which appears on the current license, at least 10 working days before the change is to take effect.

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.**