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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CB-048-2023 Master Electrician, Journeyman Electrician, Apprentice Electrician, and
Electrical Contractor.

CB-048-2023 (*proposed by:* Chair Dernoga, at the request of the County Executive)

Assigned to Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy, and Environment (TIEE) Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING MASTER ELECTRICIAN, JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN AND ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR for the purpose of removing Master Electrician, Journeyman Electrician, Apprentice Electrician, and Electrical Contractor from Subtitle 2, Division 14B to be in compliance with the Maryland Electricians Act revisions.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: No anticipated impact on expenditures.

Revenues: No anticipated impact on revenues.

Indirect Impact:

None foreseen.

Legislative Summary:

CB-048-2023 was presented by the Chair of the Council at the request of the County Executive on April 4, 2023, and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (TIEE) Committee. This bill removes Master Electrician, Journeyman Electrician, Apprentice Electrician, and Electrical Contractor from Subtitle 2, Division 14B to ensure that the County Code is consistent with the Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions, Senate Bill 762 of 2021.¹

Current Law/Background:

The proposed bill will alter Subtitle 2, Division 14B of the County Code to reflect the passing and enactment of Senate Bill 762 which passed in 2021. This bill requires the State of Maryland to facilitate the licensing and regulation of Master Electricians, Journeyman Electricians, Apprentice Electricians, and Electrical Contractors. Prior to the State legislation, the County had the ability to license and regulate these positions. The County will have the ability to regulate and license Master Electricians, Limited, and Electrical Contractors, Limited. Master Electricians, Limited can only work on projects of 50 volts or less, and the Electrical Contractor, Limited is the company that the Master Electrician, Limited works for.

Resource Personnel:

- Lori Parris, Senior Advisor, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement
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Discussion/Policy Analysis:

The legislation was initiated as part of the review of business practices within the County. After the State passed Maryland Senate Bill 762 and the legislation was enacted, DPIE was mandated to implement the law, which included removing the ability for the County to license and regulate Master Electricians, Journeyman Electricians, Apprentice Electricians, and Electrical Contractors.

Given what the State legislation entails, the licensure and regulation of many professions, including Plumbers, Foresters, Professional Engineers, and specific work that is considered home improvement (under MHIC licenses) all fall under State authority; this legislation recognizes the change the State has made to require all Master Electricians, Journeyman Electricians, Apprentice Electricians, and Electrical Contractors to fall under the same authority.

¹ [Chapter 708, Laws of Maryland 2021](#)

Fiscal Impact:

- *Direct Impact*

Enactment of CB-048-2023 should not have a direct fiscal impact on the County. Although the County has lost revenue from the ability to license Apprentice, Journeyman, and Master Electricians since the enactment of Maryland Senate Bill 762, it was the State legislation that impacted the County; this legislation only updates the County Code. The County will have the ability to license, regulate, and collect money from licensure of Master Electrician, Limited; and Electrical Contractor, Limited.

- *Indirect Impact*

None foreseen.

- *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget*

Yes.

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:

The proposed Bill shall be effective forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please reach out to me via phone or email.