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Chapter No. 50

Proposed and Presented by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Franklin, Hawkins and Watson

Co-Sponsors

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BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Master Electrician, Journeyman Electrician, Apprentice Electrician and Electrical Contractor
3 For the purpose of removing Master Electrician, Journeyman Electrician, Apprentice Electrician
4 and Electrical Contractor from Subtitle 2, Division 14B to be in compliance with the Maryland
5 Electricians Act revisions.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

8 Sections 2-253.50, 2-253.51, 2-253.53, 2-253.54, 2-
9 253.55, 2-253.56, 2-253.57, 2-253.58, 2-
10 253.59, 2-253.60, 2-253.61, 2-253.62

11 The Prince George's County Code
12 (2019 Edition; 2022 Supplement).

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
14 Maryland, that Sections 2-253.50, 2-253.51, 2-253.53, 2-253.54, 2-253.55, 2-253.56, 2-253.57,
15 2-253.58, 2-253.59, 2-253.60, 2-253.61, 2-253.62 of the Prince George's County Code be and the
16 same is hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments:

17 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

18 DIVISION 14B. [MASTER ELECTRICIAN, JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN,
19 APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN] MASTER ELECTRICIAN, LIMITED, AND
20 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, LIMITED LICENSES.

21 Sec. 2-253.50. - Definitions.

1 (a) For the purposes of this Division, the following words, terms, and phrases shall have
2 the meanings given herein:

3 [(1) Apprentice Electrician means an individual licensed under this Division who is
4 principally employed by the Electrical Contractor or Electrical Contractor, Limited, and works
5 under the direct supervision of a Journeyman Electrician, Master Electrician, or Master
6 Electrician, Limited, to ensure that the work meets minimum code requirements.]

7 [(2) Associate Master means an individual licensed under this Division as a Master and
8 who acts as an additional Master to a licensed contractor and who is principally employed and
9 represents the Electrical Contractor and who personally supervises, directs, and assures the work
10 meets minimum code requirements.]

11 ~~(1)~~[(3)] Associate Master Limited means a person licensed under this Division as a
12 Limited Master and who acts as an additional Master Limited to a licensed Limited Contractor
13 and who holds the same type of limited license as the contractor and who personally supervises,
14 directs, and assures work of a limited type (such as, but not limited to, burglar holdup alarms,
15 communications, elevators, gas pumps, heating and air conditioning, remote control signaling,
16 signs, or x-rays) meets the minimum code requirements.

17 ~~(2)~~ [(4)] Board means the Board of Registration for Master Electricians, Limited, and
18 Electrical Contractors, Limited.

19 ~~(3)~~ [(5)] Department means the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and
20 Enforcement.

21 ~~(4)~~ [(6)] Director means the Director of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement or
22 the Director's designee.

23 [(7) Electric Light Company means any public service company, which owns any
24 electric plant and transmits, sells, or distributes electricity or generates electricity for distribution
25 or sale.]

26 [(8) Electric Railway Company means every common carrier by rail, powered by
27 electricity.]

28 [(9)] Electrical Contractor means a person licensed under this Division to engage in the
29 business of contracting to perform electrical work.]

30 ~~(5)~~ [(10)] Electrical Contractor, Limited means a person licensed under this Division to
31 engage in the business of contracting to perform electrical work of a limited type (such as, but

1 not limited to, burglar and holdup alarms, communications, elevators, gas pumps, heating and air
 2 conditioning, remote control, signaling, signs, or x-rays), which may be a part of an occupation
 3 or business licensed or regulated by the County Code or State law, or as an incidental part of a
 4 business or occupation for which the Board has determined the licensee's knowledge.

5 [(11) Electrical Subcontractor means an Electrical Contractor licensed under this
 6 Division that engages in the business of subcontracting to perform electrical work.]

7 (6) [(12)] Electrical Subcontractor, Limited means an Electrical Contractor licensed
 8 under this Division that engages in the business of subcontracting to perform electrical work of a
 9 limited type, such as, but not limited to, burglar and holdup alarms, communications, elevators,
 10 gas pumps, heating and air conditioning, remote control, signaling, signs or x-rays, which may
 11 be a part of an occupation or business licensed or regulated by the County Code or State law, or
 12 as an incidental part of a business or occupation for which the Board has determined the
 13 licensee's knowledge.

14 (7) [(13)] Electrical work means the installation, erection, or repair of:

15 (A) Electrical wires or conductors to be used for the transmission of electric
 16 power for communications, electric light, heat, or other power-consuming purposes;

17 (B) Moldings, ducts, raceways, or other conduits for the reception or protection
 18 of such wires or conductors; or

19 (C) Any electrical machinery, fixed appliance, or other device, fixture, or
 20 associated hardware to be used for communications, light, heat, or other power-consuming
 21 purposes if directly connected to the power supply by a permanent connection.

22 (8) [(14)] Inactive License means a [Master Electrician's or] Master Limited
 23 Electrician's license when the licensee has ceased working the trade but desires to preserve the
 24 right to become active again without taking the examination by making application for such
 25 license and by paying the biennial renewal fees. Reactivation of license requires payment of
 26 normal licensee fee as prescribed in Section 2-253.55(c).

27 [(15) Journeyman Electrician means an individual licensed under this Division who has
 28 been regularly and principally engaged in electrical work for a period of not less than four years
 29 under the direct supervision of a licensed Master Electrician.]

30 [(16) Master Electrician means an individual licensed under this Division who is
 31 principally employed by and represents the Electrical Contractor and who personally supervises,

1 directs, and assures the work meets minimum Code requirements.]

2 (9) [(17)] Master Electrician, Limited means a person licensed under this Division who
3 is principally employed by the Electrical Contractor Limited he represents and who personally
4 supervises, directs, and assures the work of a limited type (such as, but not limited to, burglar
5 and holdup alarms, communications, elevators, gas pumps, heating and air conditioning, remote
6 control signaling, signs, or x-rays), which meets minimum Code requirements.

7 (10) [(18)]Telegraph Company means any public service company which owns or
8 leases telephone lines for the reception, transmission, or communication of messages by
9 telegraph, or which lets, licenses, or sells telegraphic communications.

10 **Sec. 2-253.51. - Licenses required; violations.**

11 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business or act in the capacity of an
12 [Electrical Contractor, Electrical Subcontractor,] Electrical Contractor, Limited, or Electrical
13 Subcontractor, Limited, in Prince George's County without obtaining and maintaining a valid
14 license issued under this Division, and employing a [Master Electrician,] Master Electrician,
15 Limited, [Journeyman Electrician, or Apprentice Electrician,] as appropriate.

16 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business or act in the capacity of a
17 [Master Electrician,] Master Electrician, Limited, [Journeyman Electrician, or Apprentice
18 Electrician] without obtaining and maintaining a valid license issued under this Division.

19 (c) It shall be unlawful for any person licensed under this Division as an Electrical
20 Contractor, Limited, to contract to perform electrical work of any type not included in [his] their
21 license.

22 (d) It shall be unlawful for any person licensed as a Master Electrician, Limited, to engage
23 in the business of supervising, directing, or performing electrical work of any type not authorized
24 by [his] their license.

25 [(e) It shall be unlawful for any person licensed under this Division as a Journeyman
26 Electrician or Apprentice Electrician to contract to perform electrical work of any type.]

27 (e) [(f)] Any person who violates any provision of this Section shall be guilty of a
28 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than One
29 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both.

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31 **Sec. 2-253.53. - License application procedure; requirements.**

1 (a) The Director shall maintain a register for the Board of all applicants for electrical
2 licenses in such form as the Board shall require.

3 (b) Any person desiring to be licensed as an [Electrical Contractor,] Electrical Contractor,
4 Limited, [Electrical Subcontractor,] or Electrical Subcontractor, Limited, shall make and file
5 with the Director a [notarized, written] electronic application [on a form] approved by the Board,
6 together with a nonrefundable application fee as prescribed in the Table of Fees in Subtitle 2,
7 Division 14C, Section 2-253.63, and a copy of a current Maryland [c]Construction Firm license
8 where insurance of not less than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per occurrence,
9 and required by State law. The applicant shall provide proof of ownership of bodily injury
10 liability and property damage liability insurance of not less than Three Hundred Thousand
11 Dollars (\$300,000.00) per occurrence, or equivalent self-insurance. The application shall include
12 information as to the trade name and place of business of the person desiring to be licensed, and
13 the name and license number of the [Master Electrician or] Master Electrician, Limited,
14 employed by the [Electrical Contractor,] Electrical Contractor, Limited, [Electrical
15 Subcontractor,] or Electrical Subcontractor, Limited, or [his] their firm to supervise and
16 personally be responsible for electrical work performed under contract of the Electrical
17 Contractor or Subcontractor. The firm shall notify the Board within five (5) working days of the
18 name and license number of any person other than the persons named in the original license or
19 renewal license application as the [Master Electrician or] Master Electrician, Limited, employed
20 by the firm.

21 [(c) Any individual desiring to be licensed as a Master Electrician shall make and file with
22 the Director a notarized, written application on a form approved by the Board, together with a
23 nonrefundable application fee as prescribed in the Table of Fees, including:

24 (1) Application. Every applicant shall include in the application two (2) identical 1"
25 by 1.5" transferable front-faced photos and information as to pertinent experience and education.
26 An applicant shall have been regularly and principally employed or engaged in electrical work
27 either by the government or under the direction and supervision of a Master Electrician, or a
28 combination thereof, for not less than seven (7) years. An applicant employed by the government
29 shall submit affidavits from qualified supervisory personnel certifying the applicant's seven (7)
30 years of experience in electrical work. The Board may accept an educational equivalent for not
31 more than two (2) years of employment experience required of any applicant.

1 (2) Examination. Every applicant shall take a written examination prepared and
2 administered by the Board to test the applicant's knowledge of electrical work and the theory of
3 electricity. An applicant must complete the examination in a manner satisfactory to the Board in
4 order to be licensed.

5 (3) License Fee. Prior to issuance of a first year license following passing of the
6 qualifying examination, each applicant shall remit the amount prescribed in the Table of Fees to
7 cover the cost of the first year license.]

8 (c) [(d)] Any individual desiring to be licensed as a Master Electrician, Limited, shall
9 make and file with the Director an [notarized, written] electronic application [on a form]
10 approved by the Board, together with a nonrefundable fee as prescribed in the Table of Fees for
11 each examination, including:

12 (1) Application. Every applicant shall include in the application [two (2) identical 1"
13 × 1.5" transferable front-faced photos] one (1) passport sized color photo and information as to
14 pertinent experience and education. An applicant shall have been regularly and principally
15 employed or engaged in electrical work either by the government or under the direction and
16 supervision of a Master Electrician, Limited; or in electrical work of the particular type applied
17 for, under the direction and supervision of Master Electrician, Limited, or a combination thereof,
18 for not less than four (4) years. An applicant employed by the government shall submit affidavits
19 from qualified supervisory personnel certifying the applicant's four (4) years of experience in
20 electrical work or electrical work of a limited type. The Board may accept an education
21 equivalent for not more than two (2) years of employment experience required of any applicant.

22 (2) Examination. Every applicant shall take an examination prepared and
23 administered by the Board to test the applicant's knowledge of electrical work of a particular
24 type, and of the Electrical Code and its application to that particular type of electrical work. An
25 applicant must complete the examination in a manner satisfactory to the Board in order to be
26 licensed.

27 (3) License Fee. Prior to issuance of a first year license following passing of the
28 qualifying examination, each applicant shall remit the fee prescribed in the Table of Fees to
29 cover the cost of the first year license.

30 (4) Where the limited license is incidental to a business or occupation requiring
31 testing or proof of competency as a condition of a license, the applicant shall supply proof of

1 license in such business or occupation. Where such business or occupation is unlicensed, the
2 applicant shall supply proof of education experience in such business or occupation.

3 [(e) Any individual desiring to be licensed as a Journeyman Electrician shall make and file
4 with the Director a notarized, written application on a form approved by the Board, together with
5 a nonrefundable fee as prescribed in the Table of Fees, including:

6 (1) Application. Every applicant shall include in the application information as to
7 pertinent experience and education. An applicant shall have been regularly and principally
8 employed or engaged in electrical work, either by the government or under direction and
9 supervision of a Master Electrician, or a combination thereof, for not less than four (4) years. An
10 applicant employed by the government shall submit affidavits from qualified supervisory
11 personnel certifying the applicant's four (4) years of experience in electrical work.

12 (2) Submit with:

13 (A) Two identical 1" × 1.5" transferable front-faced photos; and

14 (B) Letters of verification of employment on company letterhead, signed by the
15 Master Electrician of the company.

16 (3) If the Master for the company is not licensed in Prince George's County, the
17 Master must include the Master's license number and the name of the jurisdiction from which the
18 license was obtained.

19 (4) Letter(s) of verification must indicate specific dates of employment.

20 (5) Upon a determination by the Board that the applicant is eligible to take the
21 qualifying examination, written notice will be forwarded to the applicant designating the time
22 and place of the examination.

23 (6) Upon a determination by the Board that the applicant is not eligible to take the
24 qualifying examination, written notice will be forwarded to the applicant. Upon proper notice,
25 the applicant may appear at a subsequent meeting of the Electrical Board to give further
26 information regarding the applicant's qualifications.

27 (7) License Fee. Prior to the issuance of a first year license and subsequent to passing
28 the qualifying examination, each applicant shall remit the fee prescribed in the Table of Fees to
29 cover the costs of the first two-year license. The applicant will then be issued an Identification
30 Card which shall be carried at all times while working on sites within the area of Prince George's
31 County under the jurisdiction of this office.

1 (8) The license is renewable every two (2) years.]

2 [(f) Any individual desiring to be licensed as an Apprentice Electrician shall make and file
3 with the Director a notarized, written application on a form approved by the Board, together with
4 a nonrefundable fee as prescribed in the Table of Fees, including:

5 (1) Application. Every applicant shall include in the application information as to
6 pertinent experience and education or present [Apprentice Electrician] program in which the
7 applicant is enrolled. No examination is required to register as an Apprentice Electrician.

8 (2) License Fee. Prior to issuance of a license, each applicant shall remit an additional
9 fee prescribed in the Table of Fees to cover the cost of the first two-year license.]

10 (d) [(g)] An applicant shall notify the Board of any proceeding pending or instituted
11 against the applicant for a commission of any crime involving moral turpitude, or for a violation
12 of the Electrical Code, or any law of the County or State of Maryland related to the performance
13 of electrical work. Upon termination of such proceeding, the applicant shall notify the Board of
14 the result of the proceeding.

15 **Sec. 2-253.54. - Issuance of licenses; restrictions.**

16 (a) The Board shall review all applications for issuance and renewal of licenses, including
17 all pertinent information and recommendations from the Director and other sources related to the
18 applications.

19 (1) The Board may deny an application for issuance or renewal of a license upon
20 review of the applicant's record of compliance with the laws of the State of Maryland and Prince
21 George's County. The Director shall obtain that record from official sources, and forward it to
22 the Board.

23 (2) The Board shall, by examination, determine the knowledge of each applicant for
24 license as [Master Electrician or] Master Electrician, Limited, concerning electrical work and the
25 Electrical Code and its application to the trade. The Board shall determine whether an applicant
26 has successfully completed that examination, by application of criteria established by the Board.

27 [(3) The Board may accept applications for Apprentice Electricians if, upon review of
28 the application, it is determined that the applicant is presently working for a licensed Electrical
29 Contractor or licensed Electrical Contractor, Limited, whose work is under the direct supervision
30 of a Master Electrician, or Master Electrician, Limited, meeting the requirements of this
31 Division.]

1 (3) [(4)] The Board may request further information from the Director or other
2 sources, make independent investigations, or conduct further examinations of an applicant, at its
3 discretion.

4 (b) The Board shall certify to the Director whether an applicant is qualified to be licensed
5 within thirty (30) days after the next meeting of the Board following receipt of all information
6 requested by the Board pertaining to an applicant, unless the time is extended for good cause.

7 (1) An applicant for license as an [Electrical Contractor or] Electrical Contractor,
8 Limited, shall satisfy the Board that the applicant will comply with the Electrical Code and the
9 laws of the State of Maryland and Prince George's County, and will fully perform all electrical
10 contracts.

11 (2) An applicant for license as a [Master Electrician,] Master Electrician, Limited [,
12 or Journeyman Electrician] shall satisfy the Board that the applicant has acquired the technical
13 competence and experience to comply with the Electrical Code.

14 (c) If the Board, upon review of all pertinent information, determines that an applicant is
15 not qualified for issuance or renewal of a license, the Board shall deny the application in writing,
16 stating the reason, and deliver that denial to the Director. The Director shall cause that denial to
17 be personally served or mailed by certified mail to the address of the applicant supplied on [his]
18 their application.

19 (1) The Board shall, upon denial of an application, offer the applicant an opportunity
20 for a public hearing at which he may show cause why the application should not be denied.

21 (2) An applicant, upon denial of the applicant's application, may appeal that denial to
22 the Circuit Court by filing notice of appeal with the Clerk of the Circuit Court not later than
23 thirty (30) days after notice of denial of [his] their application is personally served or mailed.

24 (3) An applicant shall be given an opportunity to review all records of the Board
25 pertinent to the applicant's appeal or request for public hearing in accordance with the procedures
26 established by the Board.

27 (d) The Director shall issue a license or renewal of a license to an applicant who has been
28 certified by the Board, and who has paid the required application fee.

29 (e) A licensee shall notify the Board of any civil or criminal proceeding instituted against
30 [him] them for commission of a crime involving moral turpitude, or for violation of the Electrical
31 Code, or any law of the County or State of Maryland related to the performance of electrical

1 work. Upon termination of such civil or criminal proceeding the licensee shall notify the Board
2 of the result of the proceeding.

3 [(f) Ratio between licensed [Journeyman Electricians and Apprentice Electricians.
4 Electrical Contractors and Electrical Subcontractors are required to maintain a job ratio of one
5 (1) Journeyman Electrician to every four (4) Apprentice Electricians (1:4).]

6 ~~(f)~~ [(g)] Any person issued a [Master Electrician,] Master Electrician, Limited,
7 [Journeyman Electrician, or Apprentice Electrician] License will be issued an [wallet size, photo]
8 electronic downloadable license, which is to be carried by the licensee, and, upon request, the
9 licensee shall provide the license including license number.

10 **Sec. 2-253.55. - Term of licenses; renewal.**

11 (a) Licenses issued by the Director, upon certification by the Board, shall expire two (2)
12 years [after the date of issuance] from the last day of the month in which the license was issued,
13 and shall be subject to biennial renewal by the licensee.

14 (b) A licensee may renew a license by making and filing with the Director an [a written]
15 electronic application for renewal [on a form] approved by the Board, together with a fee as
16 prescribed in the Table of Fees for [each Master Electrician or] Master Electrician, Limited. [;
17 for each Journeyman Electrician; and for each Apprentice Electrician.] The Director shall notify
18 licensees by electronic mail or other means determined by the Director [mail] of the expiration
19 date of their licenses sixty (60) days prior to the date of expiration.

20 (c) A licensee who fails to renew a license before the expiration date may renew the
21 license within thirty (30) days after the expiration date upon filing a renewal application
22 electronically including the appropriate renewal fee and paying the late fees prescribed in the
23 Table of Fees in Subtitle 2, Division 14C, Section 2-253.63 . [Except for Journeyman
24 Electricians, any licensee who fails to renew a license within sixty (60) days after the expiration
25 date may renew the license upon filing the renewal application together with a late fee as
26 prescribed in the Table of Fees.] Satisfactory completion of an examination shall be required by
27 the Board except that the Board may waive the examination for good cause. Licenses expired for
28 longer than [three (3)] two (2) years are not renewable.

29 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Division, the Director may, in [his] their
30 discretion, establish a systematic method for administering the renewal of licenses under this
31 Division, including, but not limited to, establishing staggered renewal dates for existing licensees

1 and prorating license fees based on such renewal dates.

2 (e) [Master Electricians and] Master Electricians, Limited, holding an active license issued
3 in Prince George's County must obtain ten (10) hours of Continuing Education Units ("CEU")
4 for every two-year license renewal cycle. Verification of CEU will be submitted to the License
5 Office along with the renewal fee and application. No application will be accepted without CEU
6 documentation. Only CEU obtained from a recognized college or trade school or State
7 recognized training program will be accepted.

8 (f) Notification to the Board is required within three (3) days of a change of professional
9 address.

10 **Sec. 2-253.56. - Complaints.**

11 (a) Any person may file a complaint regarding defects in electrical work with the Board or
12 Director.

13 (b) The Director shall investigate any complaint filed. If the Director finds the complaint
14 to be justified, he shall report the complaint to the licensee, who is the subject of the complaint,
15 and order the licensee to correct the defect within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed one
16 (1) month. Conditions endangering life or property shall be corrected immediately. The Director
17 shall determine defects or irregularities based upon the provisions of the Electrical Code.

18 (c) The Director shall report to the Board the failure of any licensee to correct defects as
19 ordered by the Director.

20 **Sec. 2-253.57. - Revocation, suspension, or denial of license.**

21 (a) The Board shall have the power to revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue or renew the
22 license of any person who shall be found to have committed any one or more of the following:

- 23 (1) Fraud or deceit in obtaining or renewing a license;
24 (2) Failure to correct a major defect or irregularity, as ordered by the Director
25 pursuant to Section 2-253.56;
26 (3) Conviction for any crime involving moral turpitude;
27 (4) Aiding, abetting or knowingly combining or conspiring with any person to evade
28 the provisions of this Division;
29 (5) Willful and deliberate violation of the Electrical Code or laws of the County or
30 State of Maryland regarding electricity;
31 (6) Abandonment or willful failure to perform, without justification, any project or

1 contract for electrical work;

2 (7) Failure to comply with the provisions of this Division in any material respect, or
3 to correct such failure promptly upon notice;

4 (8) Diversion of funds or property received for a specific purpose in any construction
5 project or operation;

6 (9) Application or use for any other project or operation, obligation or purpose, funds
7 or property received for a specific purpose in another construction project, with intent to defraud
8 or deceive the parties to the contract or creditors;

9 (10) Permitting any person, firm or corporation not licensed by the Board to obtain a
10 permit or perform electrical work under the authority of a licensee;

11 (11) Repeatedly performing or permitting the performance of defective or unsafe
12 work;

13 (12) Failure of a licensed [Electrical Contractor,] Electrical Contractor, Limited,
14 [Electrical Subcontractor,] or Electrical Subcontractor, Limited, to be financially responsible for
15 the completion of contracted work; and

16 (13) Failure of a licensed Electrical Contractor, Limited, Electrical Subcontractor,
17 Limited, or Master Electrician, Limited, to maintain a license incidental to the limited license,
18 through nonrenewal or revocation or for a violation of the foregoing paragraphs 1 through 12 in
19 the incidental business or profession.

20 (b) Before revocation, suspension, or denial of any license, the Board shall afford the
21 licensee or applicant for license an opportunity for hearing to show cause why [his] their license
22 should not be revoked, suspended, or denied. The Board shall provide written notice to the
23 licensee or applicant for license of the charges against [him] them, not less than ten (10) days
24 before the date of hearing, by personal service or certified mail to the last address on file with the
25 Board.

26 (c) The Board shall notify any licensee or applicant for license of the revocation,
27 suspension, or denial of [his] their license by written notice delivered by personal service or
28 certified mail to the last address on file with the Board. Any person aggrieved by an action of the
29 Board may appeal to the Circuit Court not more than thirty (30) days after service of the notice
30 by the Board.

31 **Sec. 2-253.58. - License display; duplicates; signs.**

1 (a) Any person issued a [Master,] Master Limited, [Journeyman, or Apprentice
2 Electrician's] license by the Board will receive an [wallet size photo] electronic downloadable
3 license which is to be carried by the licensee, and, upon demand, the licensee shall give the
4 number of the license and/or the license to any authorized person.

5 (b) Any contractor issued an [Electrical Contractor's or] Electrical Contractor's Limited
6 license by the Board will receive an [wall model] electronic downloadable license which shall be
7 displayed in a prominent place at the place of business and, upon demand, shall give the license
8 number to any authorized person.

9 (c) A duplicate Master Electrician['s], Limited and/or Electrical Contractor['s], Limited
10 license may be obtained upon application and payment of a fee as prescribed in the Table of Fees
11 to replace one that has been lost, defaced, or destroyed.

12 (d) Any person using a vehicle exclusively in the performance of electrical work in the
13 County shall have a sign on the vehicle displaying the name and license number of the Electrical
14 Contractor, Limited, with letters and numerals not less than four (4) inches high and one-half
15 (1/2) inch wide. Any person using a private vehicle in the performance of electrical work must
16 display in the window of that vehicle a sign, not less than twelve (12) inches wide and sixteen
17 (16) inches long, which contains the name and license number of the Electrical Contractor,
18 Limited.

19 **Sec. 2-253.59. - Reciprocity; licenses from neighboring counties.**

20 The requirements for a written examination under Section 2-253.53 for a [Master
21 Electrician,] Master Electrician, Limited[, or Journeyman Electrician] may be waived by the
22 Board when the applicant is licensed by [the State or in] any neighboring county of this State,
23 and obtained such license after passing a written examination designed to determine the
24 applicant's knowledge of electrical work and the science of electricity. The Board shall
25 periodically review the requirements of neighboring jurisdictions to determine whether written
26 examinations are designed to determine adequately the applicant's knowledge of electrical work
27 and the science of electricity. The Board may refuse to waive written examination upon finding
28 that a neighboring jurisdiction's written examination is not sufficient to meet County standards or
29 upon finding that a neighboring jurisdiction does not grant reciprocity to [Master Electricians,]
30 Master Electricians, Limited [, or Journeyman Electricians] licensed by the County.

31 **Sec. 2-253.60. - Compliance with Electrical Code.**

1 Nothing in this Division shall be construed to exempt any electrical work in the County
2 from compliance with the requirements of the National Electrical Code, except for work
3 performed by public utility companies when such work is specifically exempt by provisions of
4 Section 90-2 of the National Electrical Code.

5 **Sec. 2-253.61. - Permits.**

6 (a) Electrical permits shall only be issued to a duly licensed [Master Electrician] or Master
7 Electrician, Limited, to a duly licensed Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and/or Heating
8 Contractor, or to homeowners as provided by Section 9-117 of this Code. The application shall
9 be signed by the licensed [Master Electrician or] Master Electrician, Limited, responsible for
10 technical supervision of the work, and shall identify the licensed [Electrical Contractor or]
11 Electrical Contractor, Limited, where applicable. The application from duly licensed
12 Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and/or Heating Contractors shall be signed by the Master
13 Mechanic employed by the Contractor.

14 (b) Residential telephone wiring on existing residential structures by a telephone company
15 or a telecommunications services company, as defined in Section 5A-150(a)(15) of this Code,
16 shall be subject to blanket permitting requirements only, as approved by the Prince George's
17 County Chief Electrical Inspector.

18 **Sec. 2-253.62. - Enforcement.**

19 (a) No person shall perform electrical work without a valid permit clearly posted on the
20 job site or presented to the owner or occupant. Except as provided in Section 9-117 of the Prince
21 George's County Code, all electrical work shall be performed under the supervision of a licensed
22 [Master Electrician or] Master Electrician, Limited.

23 [(b) No person shall perform electrical work as a Journeyman Electrician or Apprentice
24 Electrician unless that person has been licensed under Section 2-253.51 of this Division and
25 carries a photo I.D. issued by the Director.]

26 [(c) No person shall work in the capacity of a Journeyman Electrician or Apprentice
27 Electrician unless licensed under the provisions of this Division.]

28 (b) [(d)] Any violation of this Division shall be a civil offense subject to a penalty not to
29 exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The procedures of Subdivision 1, Division 3, Subtitle 28
30 of this Code shall apply.

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1 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
2 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
3 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
4 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
5 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
6 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
7 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
8 or section.

9 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45)
10 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 6th day of September, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Chair

ATTEST:

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APPROVED:

DATE: September 27, 2023 BY: Angela D. Alsobrooks
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KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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