

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2014 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-76-2014  
 Chapter No. 65  
 Proposed and Presented by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)  
 Introduced by Council Member Franklin  
 Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Introduction October 7, 2014

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Servicing

3 For the purpose of repealing provisions of the County Code pertaining to Air Conditioning,  
 4 Refrigeration and Heating Servicing at the Department of the Environment to comport with State  
 5 law for functions which are handled by the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and  
 6 Regulation (DLLR).

7 BY repealing:

8 SUBTITLE 2A. AIR CONDITIONING,  
 9 REFRIGERATION, AND HEATING SERVICING.  
 10 Sections 2A-101, 2A-102, 2A-102.01, 2A-103, 2A-  
 11 104, 2A-105, 2A-106, 2A-107, 2A-108, 2A-109, 2A-  
 12 110, 2A-111, 2A-112, 2A-113 and 2A-114,  
 13 The Prince George's County Code  
 14 (2011 Edition; 2013 Supplement).

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
 16 Maryland, that Sections 2A-101 through 2A-114 of the Prince George's County Code be and the  
 17 same are hereby repealed:

**[SUBTITLE 2A. AIR CONDITIONING, REFRIGERATION,  
AND HEATING SERVICING.] RESERVED.**

**Sec. 2A-101. [Purpose] Reserved.**

[It is hereby directed to be the public policy of Prince George's County, Maryland, to provide for the health, safety, and welfare by licensing persons, firms, and corporations engaged in the business of installing, maintaining, repairing, and replacing of refrigeration, air conditioning, heating, and mechanical ventilation equipment incidental thereto.]

**Sec. 2A-102. [Definitions] Reserved.**

[(a) The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this Subtitle:]

[(1) **Air conditioning.** The process by which the temperature, humidity, movement, and quality of air in buildings and structures are controlled and maintained.]

[(2) **Alter.** The addition to, relocation, or removal of any equipment or refrigerant in a refrigerating, air conditioning, heating, or mechanical ventilation system.]

[(3) **Approved Drain.** A receptacle intended to receive and discharge water, liquid, or water-carried wastes into a drainage system with which it is connected.]

[(4) **Board.** The refrigeration, air conditioning, and heating licensing board established under Section 2A-106 of this Subtitle.]

[(5) **Contractor.** Any person, firm, or corporation holding itself out to the public to engage in the business of installing, maintaining, repairing, or replacing refrigeration, air conditioning, heating, or mechanical ventilation equipment. A contractor may be an individual licensed as a master refrigeration, air conditioning, and heating mechanic; or master refrigeration and air conditioning specialist; or master heating specialist; or a partnership or corporation, one of whose employees holds one of the master licenses.]

[(6) **Director.** The Director of Environmental Resources or the Director's duly authorized representative.]

[(7) **Electrical disconnecting means.** A device, group of devices, or other means whereby the conductors of a circuit can be disconnected from their source of supply.]

[(8) **Gas Cock.** A cut-off valve to stop the flow of gas to any equipment.]

[(9) **Heating specialist.** A person licensed under the provisions of the code to install, alter or repair heating systems and mechanical ventilation systems incidental thereto.]

1           [(10)**Installation or installing.** The placement of equipment in position, ready for  
2 operation.]

3           [(11)**License.** A certificate issued by the Director upon approval by the Board,  
4 enabling its holder to engage in the business of refrigeration, air conditioning and heating  
5 contracting, or to engage in the occupation of master refrigeration, air conditioning and heating  
6 mechanic, master refrigeration and air conditioning specialist, or master heating specialist.]

7           [(12)**Master Refrigeration and air conditioning specialist.** A person licensed under  
8 the provisions of the code to install, alter, or repair refrigeration or air conditioning systems and  
9 mechanical ventilation systems incidental thereto.]

10          [(13)**Persons.** Any individual, firm, partnership, association, or corporation of any  
11 kind.]

12          [(14)**Refrigerant.** The medium used to produce cooling or refrigeration by the process  
13 of expansion or vaporization.]

14          [(15)**Refrigeration.** The process of extracting heat through:

15               (A) The compression and evaporation of a gas;

16               (B) The evaporation of a liquid;

17               (C) The absorption of a liquid or vapor; or

18               (D) By electrical means.]

19          [(16)**Self-contained unit system.** A complete factory made and factory tested  
20 refrigeration or air conditioning or heating system which is fabricated and assembled in a  
21 suitable frame or enclosure, including all components necessary for the proper operation of the  
22 system, in which no part containing refrigerant is connected in the field, and which is deemed to  
23 be an appliance under the National Electrical Code.]

24          [(17)**Shut-off valve.** A cut-off to stop the flow of water from the public water supply.]

25          [(18)**Ton of refrigeration.** The unit of capacity of refrigeration equivalent to the  
26 removal of heat at the rate of twelve thousand (12,000) B.T.U. per hour.]

27          [(19)**Ventilation.** The process of supplying or removing air by natural or mechanical  
28 means to or from any space. Such air may or may not have been conditioned.]

29 **Sec. 2A-102.01. [Energy sources] Reserved.**

30           [For the purpose of this Subtitle, all equipment which actively refrigerates, air conditions,  
31 heats, or mechanically ventilates shall be covered by the provisions of this Subtitle regardless of

the source used to generate the energy to power the equipment. Source includes, but is not limited to, nuclear energy, fossil fuels, gas, steam, electricity, solar radiation, photosynthetic processes, wind, waves and tides, lake or pond thermal differences, the internal heat of the earth, and nocturnal thermal exchanges.]

**Sec. 2A-103. [Licensing] Reserved.**

[(a) **General.** It shall be unlawful for any person to install, maintain, repair, or replace refrigeration, air conditioning, and heating equipment, and mechanical ventilation equipment incidental thereto, unless and until a license is obtained from the Director. The foregoing license requirement shall not be applicable to persons performing refrigeration or air conditioning or heating work under the personal supervision of a validly licensed master refrigeration, air conditioning, and heating mechanic, master refrigeration and air conditioning specialist, or master heating specialist who is responsible for the proper performance of such work. Nothing herein shall prohibit electrical, plumbing, or gas fitting work required in connection with the installation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment by or under the supervision of a person holding a valid license authorizing him to perform such work.]

[(b) **Classes of license and fee.** Each person, firm, or corporation proposing to engage or be employed in the business of installing, maintaining, repairing, or replacing refrigeration, air conditioning, or heating equipment, subject to the limitations contained in this Subtitle, shall first secure a license or licenses, as follows: (For Bonding and insurance requirements, see Section 2A-105.)]

[CLASS OF LICENSE]	[ANNUAL LICENSE]
[1. Refrigeration, air conditioning, and heating contractor	\$60.00]
[2. Master Refrigeration, air conditioning, and heating mechanic	\$60.00]
[3. Refrigeration and air conditioning contractor specialist	\$60.00]
[4. Master Refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic specialist	\$60.00]
[5. Master Heating Contractor specialist	\$60.00]
[6. Master Heating mechanic specialist	\$60.00]

[(c) (1) Refrigeration, air conditioning, and heating contractor's license or refrigeration and air conditioning specialty contractor's license or heating contractor's specialty license may be issued to a person, firm, or corporation proposing to engage in such business if:]

[(A) Such business is to be conducted at a specified location; and]

1                   [(B) Such business is to be conducted by, or is to regularly employ, at least one  
2 person holding a valid license as a master refrigeration, air conditioning, and heating mechanic,  
3 or a master refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic specialist, or master heating mechanic  
4 specialist.]

5                   [Provided, that if the only license held by the person conducting or regularly  
6 employed in the firm is that of a master refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic specialist,  
7 the license issued to such contractor shall be limited to the installation, maintenance, repair, or  
8 replacement of refrigeration and air conditioning systems; and provided further that if the only  
9 license held by the person conducting or regularly employed in the firm is that of Master Heating  
10 Mechanic specialist, the license issued to such contractor shall be limited to the installation,  
11 alternation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of heating systems.]

12                   [(2) The license issued to a contractor shall be valid only so long as the business of  
13 such licensee is conducted by, or regularly employs, at least one person holding the appropriate  
14 valid license as a master refrigeration, air conditioning, and heating mechanic, master  
15 refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic specialist, or master heating specialist. At least one  
16 such master mechanic or specialist mechanic conducting or regularly employed in the business  
17 of the contractor shall be named as the designated master or specialist for such contractor, and  
18 only one such contractor to supervise and be responsible for the work to be performed under the  
19 authority of the permits to be issued such contractor in the name of such designated master or  
20 masters. For the purpose of this Code, the term "regularly employs" or "regularly employed"  
21 shall mean that a master mechanic or specialist shall be available to supervise the installation of  
22 refrigeration, air conditioning, and/or heating and incidental mechanical ventilation equipment.  
23 The performance of any refrigeration or air conditioning or heating work under authority of a  
24 permit issued to contractor without the supervision of the required mechanic or specialist shall be  
25 a cause for the suspension or revocation of the license of such contractor. In the event such  
26 master or specialist severs his employment with the contractor, it shall be the duty of both the  
27 master or specialist and the contractor to notify the Board within five (5) days.]

28                   [(d) **Master Refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic, specialist.** A license as a  
29 master refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic specialist shall be issued to an applicant  
30 who:]

1           [(1) Furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Board of his knowledge and ability in  
2 installing, maintaining, repairing, and replacing refrigeration and air conditioning equipment;]

3           [(2) Provides documentation of a minimum of two (2) years work experience in this  
4 area of work; and]

5           [(3) Passes an examination on the practical and theoretical aspects of installing,  
6 maintaining, repairing, and replacing refrigeration and air conditioning systems and mechanical  
7 ventilation systems incidental thereto.]

8           **[(e) Master Refrigeration, air conditioning and heating mechanic.** A license as a  
9 master refrigeration, air conditioning and heating mechanic shall be issued to an applicant who  
10 meets the requirements as outlined in Section 2A-103(d) and (f) and provides documentation of a  
11 minimum of two (2) years work experience in the areas of refrigeration and air conditioning  
12 systems, and a minimum of two (2) years work experience in the area of heating systems.]

13           **[(f) Master Heating Mechanic Specialist.** A license as a master heating mechanic  
14 specialist shall be issued to an applicant who:]

15           [(1) Furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Board of his knowledge and ability in  
16 installing, altering, maintaining, repairing and replacing heating and/or mechanical ventilation  
17 systems;]

18           [(2) Passes an examination on the practical and theoretical aspects of installing,  
19 maintaining, repairing, and replacing heating systems and mechanical ventilation systems  
20 incidental thereto; and]

21           [(3) Provides documentation of a minimum of two (2) years work experience in this  
22 area.]

23           **[(g) Applications.]**

24           [(1) Applications for a license to engage in a business or occupation covered by these  
25 regulations shall be filed with the Director, in writing, on a form provided by said office and  
26 shall be accompanied by the required license fee.]

27           [(2) The application for a contractor's license shall include the name of the local  
28 officer or manager representing the contractor, and the name of the master or specialist to be  
29 responsible for the performance of the work done by the person, firm or corporation issued such  
30 license.]

31           [(3) Applications for a license shall be sworn to before a notary public.]

1           [(4) Upon completion of any required written examination, and after the Board's  
2 review of the application, the applicant shall be notified of the approval or denial of the  
3 application.]

4           **[(h) Examinations.]**

5           [(1) The written examination for an occupational license under this Code shall include  
6 material sufficient to thoroughly demonstrate to the Board that the applicant has the experience  
7 and knowledge of regulations and construction methods considered necessary to engage in the  
8 occupation.]

9           [(2) An applicant who fails to qualify for a license or who fails to report for a  
10 scheduled examination within twelve (12) months after filing a license application shall forfeit  
11 any fees paid in connection with his application. In such cases, a new application must be filed  
12 before further consideration will be given an applicant.]

13           [(3) Applicants will be notified of examination results by mail.]

14           [(4) Examinees are required to submit a nonrefundable fee each time the examination  
15 is taken. The examination fee schedule is the same as the Annual License Fee listed in Section  
16 2A-103 (b), 2, 4, and 6. Requests for reexamination will not be honored without the submission  
17 and receipt of the required examination fees. The examination fee submitted by a successful  
18 examiner will be considered the first year's annual license fee.]

19           **[(i) License without examination.]**

20           [(1) The examination for a license may be waived if the applicant, by July 15, 1976,  
21 applies for a license as a master refrigeration, air conditioning and heating mechanic, or as a  
22 master refrigeration and air conditioning specialist, or as a master heating specialist and proves  
23 to the satisfaction of the Board that he has the required knowledge and ability, and has been  
24 actually engaged in installing, maintaining, repairing, or replacing refrigeration, air conditioning,  
25 and/or heating equipment for a period of at least five (5) years next preceding the date of such  
26 application.]

27           **[(j) Renewal of License.]**

28           [(1) Licenses shall be renewed each year not later than thirty-one (31) days after the  
29 expiration date of the current license without reexamination.]

30           [(2) Application for renewal of a license shall be submitted on an official form and the  
31 license fee paid before expiration of an existing license, except as provided below.]

1           [(3) Any person licensed under this Code who fails to renew his license prior to the  
2 expiration thereof, shall be permitted to renew such license without an examination, subject to  
3 the following conditions:]

4                   [(A) The license was not revoked during the period for which it was issued, and  
5 was in full force and effect on the date of expiration.]

6                   [(B) The application for renewal has been made in writing within one year from  
7 the date of expiration.]

8                   [(C) The applicant for renewal of an expired license may at the discretion of the  
9 Board be requested to answer questions relative to his application which the Board may ask,  
10 unless application of renewal has been made within thirty (30) days from date of expiration.]

11                   [(D) If the applicant was in the service of the Armed Forces or Merchant Marines  
12 when the license expired, the license will be renewed without further examination upon payment  
13 of the renewal fee if such renewal has been requested within two and one-half (2 1/2) years of  
14 the date of expiration and within one year after discharge or release from active duty, and is  
15 accompanied by proof that applicant was in the service when the license expired.]

16           [(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Subtitle, the Director may, in his  
17 discretion, establish a systematic method for administering the renewal of licenses under this  
18 Subtitle, including, but not limited to, establishing staggered renewal dates for existing licensees  
19 and prorating license fees based on such renewal dates. In no event shall the Director:]

20                   [(1) Restrict the right of a licensee, under any initial license issued in accordance with  
21 the provisions of this Subtitle, to an initial term of less than one (1) year from the date of  
22 issuance;]

23                   [(2) Issue any initial license for a period to exceed eighteen (18) calendar months;  
24 and]

25                   [(3) Renew any license for a period of less than seven (7) calendar months, or for a  
26 period of more than eighteen (18) calendar months.]

27           [(l) **Denial, revocation, suspension, or termination of license.**]

28                   [(1) The Board may deny, suspend, or revoke any application for, or license issued  
29 hereunder, when it is shown to its satisfaction that the applicant for such a license knowingly  
30 made a false statement or misrepresentation material to the issuance or renewal of such license.]



1           [(2) The Board may deny, suspend, or revoke any application for, or license issued  
2 hereunder, for a violation of this Subtitle or other applicable laws or regulations related to the  
3 operation of that business for which he is licensed under the provisions of this Division, provided  
4 that the Board has held a hearing on the question of the violation after at least ten (10) days  
5 notice to the licensee or applicant.]

6           [(3) The Board may deny, suspend, or revoke any application for, or license issued  
7 hereunder, when a Court having jurisdiction has made a final determination against an applicant  
8 for a license or a licensee of guilt of criminal activity during the preceding three (3) years  
9 directly related to the operation of that business for which he is licensed under the provisions of  
10 this Subtitle.]

11           [(4) The Board may deny, suspend, or revoke any application for, or license issued  
12 hereunder, when the Board has determined that the licensee has willfully and deliberately  
13 engaged in a course of conduct which is in violation of any provision of the consumer protection  
14 laws of the State or has repeatedly demonstrated a disregard for compliance with any provision  
15 or provisions of the consumer protection laws of the State.]

16 **Sec. 2A-104. [Permits] Reserved.**

17           [(a) Permits for work to be done in accordance with any codes governing the scope of work  
18 permitted under this Subtitle shall not be issued except to a person holding a valid license as a  
19 refrigeration, air conditioning and heating contractor or refrigeration and air conditioning  
20 specialist contractor, or to a heating specialist contractor.]

21           [(b) Any refrigeration, air conditioning, or heating work for which any required permit has  
22 not been issued, or which is not proceeding in accordance with the regulations governing the  
23 scope of the work permitted, may be stopped by the Director of the Department of  
24 Environmental Resources.]

25           [(c) A firm or individual licensed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission shall  
26 not be required to obtain a permit under this Subtitle to install and maintain gas-fired boiler  
27 appliances or other equipment, provided that the firm or individual has already obtained a permit  
28 for the same work from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.]

29 **Sec. 2A-105. [Bonding and insurance requirements] Reserved.**

30           [(a) Before receiving and holding a contractor's license, or engaging in business, every  
31 applicant shall file a cash bond in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or a

1 corporate surety bond in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in favor of Prince  
 2 George's County and acceptable to the County Attorney. Said bond shall be conditioned upon  
 3 the faithful observance of all laws and ordinances of Prince George's County, and shall  
 4 indemnify, save and keep harmless Prince George's County from any and all damages,  
 5 judgments, cost or expenses which the said County may incur or suffer by reason of granting a  
 6 license to install, maintain, repair or replace air conditioning, refrigeration and heating systems.  
 7 Said bond shall run to Prince George's County for the use and benefit of any person who may  
 8 suffer injuries or property damages by reason of the license granted hereunder.]

9 [(b) Any person desiring to be licensed as a contractor, shall file with the Director a copy of  
 10 a current Maryland construction license where required by State law.]

11 [(c) The applicant shall provide proof of ownership of bodily injury liability insurance of  
 12 not less than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per occurrence, and property  
 13 damage liability insurance of not less than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per  
 14 occurrence, or equivalent self-insurance.]

15 **Sec. 2A-106. [Board composition] Reserved.**

16 [(a) **Established and Membership.**]

17 [(1) A Refrigeration, Heating and Air Conditioning Licensing Board is hereby created.  
 18 The Board shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the County  
 19 Executive subject to Council confirmation pursuant to Charter. Two (2) members shall be  
 20 master mechanics, one member shall be a contractor in the refrigeration, air conditioning and  
 21 heating trade, and two (2) members shall be public members with no pecuniary interest in any  
 22 business related to this trade. The members of the first Board shall be appointed for the  
 23 following terms: two (2) members for one year and three (3) members for two years. On the  
 24 expiration of the term of any members, the Executive shall appoint or reappoint members for  
 25 terms of two years. Each member shall hold office until the expiration of his term or until a  
 26 successor has been duly appointed and confirmed.]

27 [(2) The Director or his agent shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board.]

28 [(b) **Officers, Procedures, and Administration.**]

29 [(1) The Chairman of the Board shall be one of the public members and shall be  
 30 designated as such at the time of appointment. The Board shall elect from its members a vice-  
 31 chairman and secretary. In exercising its power and duties under this Chapter, not less than three

(3) members shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings and meetings. All decisions of the Board shall be in written form with findings. For assistance in reaching decisions, the Board may request technical assistance, advice, data or factual evidence from the Department of Environmental Resources or other governmental agencies. The Board shall submit to the Executive an annual report of its proceedings.]

[(2) The Director shall make available to the Board such services and facilities as are necessary for the proper performance of its duties. The Board shall be subject to the County budget process and be included in the budget of the Department of Environmental Resources. The Board shall promulgate Rules of Procedure for the conduct of hearings and other duties and responsibilities as specified in Section 2A-107, which Rules of Procedure shall be subject to the approval of the County Executive.]

**Sec. 2A-107. [Board duties and responsibilities] Reserved.**

[(a) The Board shall develop and suggest to the Director programs, policies, standards, regulations, and procedures governing the technical aspect of licensing and registering persons, firms, and corporations engaged within the jurisdiction in the business of refrigeration, air conditioning, and/or heating, and mechanical ventilation incidental thereto.]

[(b) The Board shall develop and administer examinations to determine eligibility of applicants for licensing and approve or disapprove such licenses and certify those which are approved to the Director.]

[(c) The Board shall conduct hearings, as necessary, relating to the eligibility, suspension, revocation, or denial of licenses or registration.]

**Sec. 2A-108. [Exemptions] Reserved.**

[(a) These licensing requirements shall not apply to persons employed by the Federal Government during the course of such employment and in connection with his duties as an employee.]

[(b) No license shall be required of a person, firm, or corporation for the installation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of a self-contained unit heating system or a self-contained unit system having a capacity of not more than two (2) tons of refrigeration.]

[(c) No license shall be required of any person, firm or corporation engaged in the installation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of refrigeration, air conditioning, or heating equipment in motor vehicles or railroad rolling stock, or by a home owner who purchases the

1 equipment and installs, alters, or repairs refrigeration, air conditioning, heating, or incidental  
 2 mechanical ventilation systems in a private residence which he owns and in which he resides.]

3 [(d) A firm or individual licensed with or employed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary  
 4 Commission shall not be required to be licensed under this Subtitle to install and maintain gas  
 5 appliances and equipment, provided that this exception for employees of the Washington  
 6 Suburban Sanitary Commission shall only apply in connection with his duties as an employee.]

7 [(e) A firm or individual who has a valid, electrical license in Prince George's County,  
 8 Maryland, shall not be required to be licensed under this Subtitle to install, service and maintain  
 9 electrical heating equipment.]

10 [(f) Any individual employed by a public utility shall not be required to be licensed under  
 11 this Subtitle to install, maintain, and service any appliance or equipment in connection with his  
 12 duties as an employee of said utility.]

13 **Sec. 2A-109. [Violations] Reserved.**

14 [Any person operating without a license shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon  
 15 conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)  
 16 or by imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months or by both. Each day such violation is  
 17 committed shall constitute a separate offense.]

18 **Sec. 2A-110. [Appeals] Reserved.**

19 [An appeal from any decision, ruling, or order issued under the provisions of this Subtitle  
 20 may be made to the Board within ten (10) days after the decision, ruling or order. A notice of  
 21 appeal shall be filed with the Director, directed to the Board, specifying the grounds and relief  
 22 sought.]

23 **Sec. 2A-111. [Hearings] Reserved.**

24 [The Board shall fix a reasonable time for hearing the appeal and give notice by mail to the  
 25 parties concerned, and decide the questions within a reasonable time. Except in cases of  
 26 emergency, an appeal shall act as a stay of any decision, ruling, or order until either approved,  
 27 modified, or set aside by the Board. The Board, upon hearing such appeal, shall either affirm,  
 28 modify, or set aside any such decision, ruling or order.]

1     **Sec. 2A-112. [Performance standards] Reserved.**

2         **[(a) Original installations.]**

3             [(1) A person licensed under this code to engage or be employed in the business of  
4 installing, maintaining, repairing, and replacing refrigeration, air conditioning, and heating  
5 equipment shall, for original installation of such equipment, be limited to connecting equipment  
6 to:]

7                 [(A) The disconnecting means required for each motor, such means to be located  
8 within sight of each such motor, be readily accessible thereto, and be not more than fifty (50)  
9 feet from it;]

10                [(B) All electrical wiring on the load side of such disconnecting means.]

11             [(2) The distance between the equipment and the electrical disconnect means shall be  
12 measured without regard to any intervening object other than a wall or partition. Each such  
13 disconnect shall have been installed in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 9 of the Prince  
14 George's County Code of Ordinances and Resolutions. An electrical permit may be issued to  
15 refrigeration, air conditioning, heating or refrigeration, air conditioning or heating specialty  
16 contractors, upon payment of regular fees for inspection of power wiring from the disconnect  
17 means, and all other control wiring.]

18         **[(b) Maintenance and Repair Work.]**

19             [(1) A person licensed under this code to engage in the business of installing,  
20 maintaining, repairing, and replacing refrigeration, air conditioning, and/or heating equipment  
21 shall, in connection with such work be limited to maintaining, repairing or replacing the various  
22 components of such systems, including, but not limited to compressors, motors, controls, duct  
23 work and condensers.]

24                [(2) The limit of electrical repairs shall be from the disconnect means furnished for  
25 each motor location, including the replacement of branch circuit wiring on the load side of such  
26 disconnect means.]

27         **[(c) Replacement.]**

28             [(1) Whenever any existing component or any refrigeration, air conditioning or  
29 heating system is replaced by a component of larger size or capacity, which would consume a  
30 larger amount of electricity, require the enlargement of the branch circuit wiring, require an  
31 increase in the capacity of disconnect means, or any other enlargement or increase in the capacity

1 of any component of such system, all the replacement work required shall be subject to the  
2 limitation established by Section 2A-112(b) of the Subtitle.]

3 **[(d) Installation of New Equipment in Existing Systems.]**

4 [(1) The work required in connection with the installation of new equipment added to  
5 an existing system shall be subject to the limitations set forth in Section 2A-112(a), (b), and (c)  
6 of this Subtitle.]

7 **Sec. 2A-113. [Display] Reserved.**

8 [Holders of licenses issued under this Subtitle shall display the same in a prominent  
9 location at their respective places of business, and upon demand, shall give the number of a  
10 license to any person who shall have reason to request the same. The number of a license issued  
11 to a contractor shall be prominently displayed upon any vehicle regularly employed in the course  
12 of business of repair, replacement, installation or maintenance of air conditioning, refrigeration,  
13 and/or heating equipment.]

14 **Sec. 2A-114. [Reciprocity] Reserved.**

15 [Except as noted herein, the requirements for a written examination as provided for in this  
16 Subtitle may be waived where the applicant is licensed in a neighboring county or the District of  
17 Columbia and obtained such a license after passing a written examination designed to determine  
18 an applicant's knowledge and ability to install, alter, maintain, repair and replace refrigeration,  
19 air conditioning, and/or heating and mechanical ventilation systems incidental thereto. The  
20 Board shall periodically review the requirements of neighboring jurisdictions to determine  
21 whether, in fact, the written examination of said jurisdiction determines adequately the  
22 applicant's knowledge of air conditioning, refrigeration, and/or heating systems. The Board,  
23 upon said review may refuse to waive written examinations upon a finding that the written  
24 examination of a neighboring jurisdiction is not sufficient to meet the standards of Prince  
25 George's County or upon finding that a neighboring jurisdiction does not give reciprocity to  
26 contractors, master mechanics and/or master specialists licensed under this Subtitle.]

27 **SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that the provisions of this Act are hereby  
28 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,  
29 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of  
30 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining  
31 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this

1 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such  
2 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

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

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

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