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Memorandum Electrical Licensing Requirements

To: Electrical Contractors and Electricians

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Through: Gary Hessong, Acting Division Director, Division of Planning and Permitting 

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RE: Electrical Licensing for Anyone Providing Electrical Services

Effective immediately, pursuant to Senate Bill 762 Maryland Electricians Act (the "Act"), any individual offering, providing or assisting in providing electrical services is required to hold a State apprentice, journeyperson or master electrician license. This requirement does not apply to the low voltage industry or the provision of limited energy services (they stay status-quo for the time being).

The Act requires that at least one licensed master electrician or journeyperson electrician must be present at each job site in which electrical services are provided. An appropriately licensed electrician is required to be on site specifically at the time(s) when electrical services are provided. An apprentice electrician cannot work on a jobsite without a licensed journeyperson electrician present. A journeyperson can work on a jobsite without a master present if the journeyperson is working under the "direction and control" of a licensed master, which means that the master is immediately available by phone, fax, or other electronic means at all times that electrical services are provided.

"Provide electrical services", as defined in the Act, includes installing, repairing, maintaining, erecting, or altering any electrical equipment, wiring, fixture, appliance, apparatus, raceway, or conduit, or system that generates, transmits, transforms, or uses electrical energy in any form for light, heat, power, or communication.

Electrical licenses can be obtained through the Maryland State Board of Electricians:

Website: <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/elec/eleclic.shtml>

E-mail: dloplmasterelectricians-LABOR@maryland.gov

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