

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (Smith's 1948 Edition), to be known as Section 84A, under a new title to be known as Title "7A", entitled "Electrical Business", and to read as follows:

ELECTRICAL BUSINESS

84A. (a) The County Commissioners of Baltimore County are hereby authorized and empowered to have and exercise within Baltimore County general supervision and control over the conduct of the electrical business, including, but not limited to, the business of installing, erecting or repairing, or contracting to install, erect or repair electric wires or conductors, to be used for the transmission of electric current for electric light, heat or power purposes, or mouldings, ducts, raceways or conduits for the reception or protection of such wires or conductors, and the installation, maintenance, repair and use of any electrical machinery, apparatus, devices or fixtures.

(b) Said County Commissioners shall have the power and are hereby authorized to make and from time to time to amend, supplement and repeal, such rules and regulations for the issuance of licenses to conduct such business, the examination of applicants therefor, the issuance of permits for such work, the inspection of such work, and such other regulations as they may from time to time find necessary and proper in order to supervise and control the conduct of the electrical business in the public interest, and in order to safeguard the public health, safety, morals and general welfare; provided that such regulations shall contain proper standards for the exercise of the discretion hereby conferred, shall operate uniformly, and that before said County Commissioners shall adopt any such regulations they shall hold a public hearing thereon after at least ten days notice to the public by publication in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore County.

Such regulations may impose reasonable charges and fees for licenses, permits, inspections and other services rendered by the administrative officials under the authority hereof.

(c) Said County Commissioners shall have the power, in providing for the administration and enforcement of regulations adopted hereunder, to appoint an Electrical Administrative Board to consist of five members, and to impose on and vest in said Board such duties and powers as may be necessary and advisable for the proper administration and