

have and I MAY exercise in Washington County the same authority and power conferred upon the State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing I, I by this subtitle , EXCEPT AS TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 325C OF THIS ARTICLE. Any person who holds a certificate or permit heretofore issued by the State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing or any person who has been actively engaged in the plumbing business for the past five (5) years as of June 1, 1963, and who is engaged in the plumbing business in Washington County at the time of making application, shall be eligible to apply to the Washington County plumbing board for examination for a master plumber's certificate. [Said] THE applicant shall state where he desires to engage in the plumbing business, and any such person who can meet the requirements of the Maryland State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing, I shall have and I may exercise all the rights and privileges which a holder of such certificate or permit has under the provisions of this subtitle. The Washington County plumbing board I, I in its discretion I, I based upon the training and experience of any applicant I, I in excess of the minimum requirements as set forth hereinabove, may accept such training and experience in lieu of the REQUIRED examination I required herein I.

(2) The said board shall demand and receive from such applicant for a certificate of competency, the sum of \$25.00 at the time of the issuance of said certificate, and the sum of \$15.00 for the renewal thereof each and every year thereafter on or before the first day of May, and said board at any time shall issue any renewal without requiring any other examination. Said board may demand and receive from each journeyman plumber the sum of \$2.00 at the time of issuance of the first certificate to said journeyman plumber and the sum of \$1.00 for the renewal thereof each and every year thereafter on or before the first day of May; and said board, at any time, shall issue any renewal without requiring any other examination but no charge shall be made for the issuing of permits or renewal of permits to apprentices, provided, however, that such certificate of competency or any renewal thereof shall be issued by Washington County plumbing board to any person holding a license from the State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing upon payment of requisite fees and without examination.

(3) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to well drillers who install pumps in connection with the drilling of wells nor to persons in the business of installing and repairing water pumps all of whom were in business on April 1, 1963.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 801

(House Bill 778)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 380, 381, 382 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Forests and Parks," subheading "Fire Hazards-Abatement of," increasing the penalty to a specified amount for failure to clear safety strips of railroad tracks.