

[The term] "Master Electrician," as used in this subtitle, [shall be defined as and including] MEANS any and all persons, firms and corporations engaged in THE business of, or holding themselves out to the public as engaged in 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] THOSE wires or conductors, or to any electrical machinery, apparatus, devices or fixtures to be used for electric light, heat or power purposes. A license of "Master Electrician," issued [and] in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle, shall entitle any [such] person, firm or corporation so licensed to engage in the business of and to hold himself or itself out to the public as engaged in the business of installing, erecting and repairing and of contracting to install, erect and repair any electric wires or conductors, OR SIMILAR THINGS. [etc.; provided, however, that] HOWEVER, any electrician properly licensed under the laws of this State [shall] NEED not [have to take out such] OBTAIN THIS TYPE OF license to work in this county.

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(a) Before any person, firm or corporation [shall hereafter engage] ENGAGES in the business of a master electrician in Calvert County, as defined in this sub-title, and before any person, firm, or corporation now engaged in [said] THE business or any class [thereof] OF THE BUSINESS, shall continue in [said] THE business of Master Electrician, [such] THAT person, firm or corporation shall apply to [said] THE board for a license. [, as herein required, whereupon the] THE applicant shall present himself before the [said] board at a time and place fixed by [said] THE board.

(b) If the board [shall find] FINDS, upon due examination, that the applicant presenting himself has a reasonable knowledge of electricity and the natural laws and functions of electric wires, appliances and devices for electric light, heat and power purposes, and is possessed of skill and of knowledge in all matters appertaining to the business of A Master Electrician, [as defined in this subtitle,] then the [said] board, upon payment of the fee and upon executing the bond [herein] provided for IN THIS SUBTITLE, shall issue to the [said] person, firm or corporation a license as Master Electrician to practice [said] THAT business for a term of one year [;] and shall register [such] THAT person, firm or corporation as A duly licensed Master Electrician. [; provided, however] HOWEVER, [no] A person, firm or corporation who [shall have] HAS been engaged as a bona fide contractor in the electrical contracting business in Calvert County for a period of five [(5)] years prior to June 1, 1967, shall be required to take