

GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, FROM A LIST OF FIVE PERSONS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE MASTER PLUMBERS ASSOCIATION RESIDING IN CALVERT COUNTY. MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO PERSONS WHO ARE REGISTERED MASTER PLUMBERS ENGAGED IN THE PLUMBING BUSINESS IN CALVERT COUNTY FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS PRECEDING THEIR APPOINTMENT. TERMS OF MEMBERS SHALL BE FOR 2 YEARS AND MEMBERS APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCIES OCCURRING DURING ANY TERM SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF TERM. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL APPOINT AN INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING, WHO SHALL RECEIVE WHATEVER COMPENSATION AS THE CALVERT COUNTY PLUMBING BOARD SHALL SET. THE INSPECTOR'S COMPENSATION SHALL BE PAID FROM THE FEES OF APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATES OR PERMITS, AND MAY NOT EXCEED THE SUM OR SUMS SO COLLECTED. THE BOARD SHALL SET ALL FEES AND MAKE ALL REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE PLUMBING BUSINESS IN CALVERT COUNTY.

(B) THE PLUMBING BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE A SYSTEM OF RULES AND REGULATIONS AND SUBMIT FOR ADOPTION THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. PRIOR TO THEIR ADOPTION, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL BE PUBLISHED ONCE EACH WEEK FOR 3 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS IN EACH OF THE CALVERT COUNTY NEWSPAPERS. THE COMMISSIONERS SHALL PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND SHALL PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE DAY AND TIME OF THE HEARING AT THE SAME TIME THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE PUBLISHED. THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING IS TO HAVE THE COMMISSIONERS OBTAIN THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC'S VIEWS AND OPINIONS PRIOR TO FINAL ADOPTION.

(C) (1) ALL PERSONS WHO ARE LICENSED BY THIS STATE AS A MASTER OR A JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER, AND ALL FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS WHOSE OFFICERS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES ARE SO LICENSED, ENGAGED, OR ABOUT TO ENGAGE, IN THE PLUMBING BUSINESS IN CALVERT COUNTY ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE BOARD AND POST A BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000. THE BOND SHALL BE CONDITIONED ON THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF ALL WORK CONTRACTED FOR BY THESE REGISTERED PERSONS, FIRMS, OR CORPORATIONS AND SHALL PROTECT AND SAVE HARMLESS ALL THOSE WHO EMPLOY, OR WHO CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICES OF, THESE REGISTERED PERSONS, FIRMS, OR CORPORATIONS FROM LOSS OR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE USE OR INSTALLATION OF DEFECTIVE MATERIALS OR FROM WORK NOT DONE IN WORKMAN-LIKE MANNER. ANY CAUSE OF ACTION ARISING UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN 1 YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THE INSTALLATION OF MATERIALS OR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK OR SERVICES.

(2) ANY PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION WHO PRACTICES OR ENGAGES IN THE WORK OF A MASTER OR JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER WITHOUT HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND ANY PERSON NOT LICENSED AS A MASTER OR JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER WHO DOES OR PERFORMS ANY WORK OF THAT NATURE EXCEPT UNDER THE DIRECTIONS OF A MASTER OR JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER OR WHO VIOLATES ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE FINED NOT LESS THAN \$25 NOR MORE THAN \$1,000.