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(A) IF APPLICATION IS MADE BY THE LICENSEE BY JANUARY 1, 1985, AND ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE MET, ANY LICENSEE HOLDING A CURRENT MASTER ELECTRICAL LICENSE, ACTIVE OR INACTIVE, ISSUED BY A LOCAL LICENSED SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE, SHALL BE GRANTED, WITHOUT EXAMINATION, A MASTER ELECTRICAL LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD. THE PRESCRIBED FEE AND PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIRED BY THE BOARD SHALL ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION. AFTER JANUARY 1, 1985, ANY APPLICANT FOR A MASTER ELECTRICAL LICENSE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO A BOARD EXAMINATION.

(B) IF APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED FEE IS MADE BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1985, ANY PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE AND HAS BEEN PRINCIPALLY ENGAGED AND LAWFULLY ESTABLISHED AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN, IN A NONLICENSED SUBDIVISION IN THIS STATE FOR NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1984, SHALL RECEIVE A STATEWIDE MASTER ELECTRICAL LICENSE WITHOUT EXAMINATION. THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD SHOWING PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY. ALL APPLICANTS FOR A MASTER ELECTRICAL LICENSE AFTER JANUARY 1, 1985, SHALL SUBMIT TO A STATEWIDE BOARD EXAMINATION.

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(A) THE BOARD MAY SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE LICENSE OF A MASTER ELECTRICIAN, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, IF THE BOARD FINDS THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN:

(1) OBTAINED A LICENSE BY FALSE OR FRAUDULENT REPRESENTATION;

(2) TRANSFERRED THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE LICENSE TO ANOTHER PERSON;

(3) ENGAGED IN UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES AS DEFINED IN COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE, SECTION 13-301 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND;

(4) WILLFULLY OR DELIBERATELY DISREGARDED AND VIOLATED BUILDING CODES, ELECTRICAL CODES, OR LAWS OF THIS STATE OR OF ANY MUNICIPALITY, CITY, OR COUNTY;

(5) AIDED OR ABETTED ANY PERSON TO EVADE ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(6) (I) KNOWINGLY COMBINED OR CONSPIRED WITH ANY PERSON, BY ALLOWING A LICENSE TO BE USED BY ANY UNLICENSED PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION, WITH INTENT TO EVADE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(II) ALLOWING A LICENSE TO BE USED BY MORE THAN ONE PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION, CONSTITUTES PRIMA FACIE