

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

254.

(a) An applicant may not be scheduled for an examination required by this subtitle until the applicant has paid a nonrefundable examination fee [of \$10]. THE FEE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION AND SHALL DEFRAID ONLY THE COST OF THE EXAMINATION.

256.

No contractor's, subcontractor's, or salesman's license may be required of any person when acting in the particular capacity or particular type of transaction set forth in this section:

(2) A plumber, electrician, architect or any other such person who is required by State or local law to attain standards of competency or experience as a prerequisite to engaging in such craft or profession, and who is acting exclusively within BOTH (I) THE JURISDICTION WHICH ISSUED THE LICENSE, AND (II) the scope of the craft or profession for which he is currently licensed pursuant to such other law. The installation of central heating or air conditioning systems by such a person shall be deemed within the scope of such person's craft or profession. No salesman's license shall be required of the salesman in regard to such a transaction. ANY STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY WHICH LICENSES A PLUMBER, ELECTRICIAN, ARCHITECT OR ANY OTHER PERSON TO INSTALL WHO INSTALLS CENTRAL HEATING OR AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS MAY SANCTION THAT PERSON ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE HOME IMPROVEMENT LAW IN THE INSTALLATION OF CENTRAL HEATING OR AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS.

257.

(b) IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN ORIGINAL A CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE, AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE EITHER:

(1) 2 YEARS OF SATISFACTORY TRADE EXPERIENCE AS A LICENSED SUBCONTRACTOR, OR

(2) 3 YEARS OF OTHER TRADE EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE PAST 10 YEARS WHICH THE COMMISSION DETERMINES HAS PREPARED THE APPLICANT TO DO BUSINESS AS A CONTRACTOR. THE COMMISSION MAY CREDIT AN APPLICANT WITH UP TO 1 YEAR FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING IN AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, POSTSECONDARY PROPRIETARY INSTITUTION, OR MANUFACTURER'S TRAINING PROGRAM.