

applicable, [issued by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission] and a notarized statement of good standing issued by the [Commission] WSSC. Further, any plumber residing in [Prince George's or Montgomery county] AN AREA UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE WSSC holding a valid master plumber's [certificate] LICENSE or a [journeyman] JOURNEY plumber's [certificate] LICENSE issued by the State Board of [Commissioners of Practical] Plumbing is entitled to be issued a master plumber's license or a journeyman plumber's license, as applicable, by the [Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission] WSSC, without examination, upon presentation of a valid master plumber's [certificate] LICENSE or a [journeyman] JOURNEY plumber's [certificate] LICENSE, as applicable, issued by the State Board of [Commissioners of Practical] Plumbing.

(c) Any license [or certificate] issued to a master plumber or a [journeyman] plumber in good standing pursuant to a reciprocity arrangement by the State Board of [Commissioners of Practical] Plumbing and the [Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission] WSSC prior to July 1, 1978 shall remain in full force and effect.

GENERAL COMMITTEE COMMENT: Ch. ____, Acts of 1988, which enacted Art. 56A of the Code, also amended former Art. 56, § 455 and transferred it to this article.

Subsection (a) of this section was amended to delete the first clause of the second sentence of former § 455(a), which enabled the WSSC to adopt regulations "as to the installation of plumbing ... as it may deem necessary for the public health", in light of the general authority under § 9-101(a) of this article. This deletion also clarifies that plumbing regulations are subject to the notice requirement of § 9-101(b) of this article.

Subsection (a) of this section also was amended to delete the third sentence of former § 455(a), which protected certain existing certificates but only until renewal and was, therefore, obsolete.

In subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the references to "areas of Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery, or Prince George's Counties that are under the jurisdiction of the WSSC", "areas of jurisdiction of the WSSC" and "an area under the jurisdiction under the WSSC" are substituted for the former references to "Montgomery and Prince George's Counties", to clarify the geographical limits of the WSSC.

In subsections (a) through (c) of this section, references to the State Board of Plumbing are substituted for the former references to the State