(1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

12-305.1.

- (A) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY WAIVE THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A MASTER PLUMBER LICENSE OR A JOURNEY PLUMBER LICENSE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED TO PROVIDE PLUMBING SERVICES IN ANOTHER STATE ON THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.
- (B) THE BOARD MAY GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION ONLY IF AN APPLICANT:
- (1) PAYS THE APPROPRIATE FEE REQUIRED UNDER § 12–306 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND
 - (2) PROVIDES ADEQUATE EVIDENCE THAT THE APPLICANT:
- (I) MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THIS TITLE;
- $\,$ (II) $\,$ HOLDS AN ACTIVE LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING IN THE OTHER STATE:
- (III) HOLDS A LICENSE THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO THE STATE LICENSE; AND
- $\,$ (IV) BECAME LICENSED IN THE OTHER STATE AFTER MEETING REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE AT LEAST EQUIVALENT TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE.
- (C) THE BOARD MAY GRANT A WAIVER ONLY IF THE STATE IN WHICH THE APPLICANT IS LICENSED WAIVES THE EXAMINATION OF LICENSEES OF THIS STATE TO A SIMILAR EXTENT AS THIS STATE WAIVES THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED IN THAT STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved April 13, 1999.