

(II) IS VALID AND BINDING AGAINST ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OF ANY KIND AGAINST THE AUTHORITY, WHETHER OR NOT THOSE PERSONS HAVE NOTICE OF THE PLEDGE, AND WITHOUT THE RECORDING OR FILING OF ANY INSTRUMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

**CHAPTER 325**

**(House Bill 1365)**

AN ACT concerning

**Journeyman Natural Gas Fitters License – Qualifications of Applicants**

FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant for a journeyman natural gas fitters license to demonstrate successful completion of certain training courses; requiring an applicant to pass an examination given by the State Board of Plumbing; and generally relating to the qualifications of applicants for a journeyman natural gas fitters license.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
Section 12-302(g)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 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**

12-302.

(g) (1) An [application] APPLICANT for a journeyman natural gas fitters license:

(I) shall have acquired 3,750 working hours as an apprentice natural gas fitter over a period of at least 2 years; AND

(II) SHALL HAVE DEMONSTRATED SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ~~AN APPROVED~~ A TRAINING COURSE APPROVED BY THE BOARD RELATING TO ~~THE~~ INSTALLATION OF NATURAL GAS AS ~~PROVIDED BY THE BOARD~~ SERVICES.

(2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, AN APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYMAN NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE SHALL PASS AN EXAMINATION GIVEN BY THE BOARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.