

as enacted under Section 1 of this Act, may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any lease or other landlord-tenant contract in effect before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 2. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved May 26, 2004.

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**CHAPTER 495**

**(House Bill 143)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Plumbing - Disciplinary Actions**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Plumbing to deny a license to a person or take certain disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee under the laws relating to the licensure and regulation of plumbers for a violation of certain laws or regulations relating to plumbing services; and generally relating to the licensure and regulation of plumbers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
Section 12-312  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 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**

12-312.

(a) (1) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 12-313 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

(i) fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for the applicant or licensee or for another;