

(a) Subject to § 12-305 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, the WSSC has the sole power to grant licenses to persons desiring to work at the plumbing business in areas of Montgomery or Prince George's County that are under the jurisdiction of the WSSC. The fees to be charged for a license may not exceed the fees as fixed in the Maryland Plumbing Act. The WSSC shall exercise within areas under the jurisdiction of the WSSC all the authority and power conferred upon the State Board of Plumbing.

(b) Any person holding a valid master [plumber's] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** license or a journeyman [plumber's] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** license issued by the WSSC is entitled to be issued a master [plumber's] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** license or a journeyman [plumber's] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** license, as applicable, by the State Board of Plumbing without examination, upon the presentation of a valid master [plumber's] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** license or a journeyman [plumber's] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** license, as applicable, and a notarized statement of good standing issued by the WSSC. Further, any [plumber residing in an area under the jurisdiction of the WSSC] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** holding a valid master [plumber's] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** license or a [journey] **JOURNEYMAN** [plumber's] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** license issued by the State Board of Plumbing is entitled to be issued a master [plumber's] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** license or a journeyman [plumber's] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** license, as applicable, by the WSSC, without examination, upon presentation of a valid master [plumber's] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** license or a [journey] **JOURNEYMAN** [plumber's] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** license, as applicable, issued by the State Board of Plumbing.

(c) Any license issued to a master [plumber] **PLUMBER/GASFITTER** or a [plumber] **JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER/GASFITTER** in good standing pursuant to a reciprocity arrangement by the State Board of Plumbing and the WSSC prior to July 1, 1978 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.

CHAPTER 423

(House Bill 667)

AN ACT concerning