

(iii) Except where inconsistent with this paragraph, the provisions of Maryland Rule 4-261 shall apply to a deposition taken under this paragraph.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.

CHAPTER 640

(Senate Bill 691)

AN ACT concerning

Plumbers - Backflow Certification

FOR the purpose of specifying that a master plumber ~~or journey plumber~~, journey plumber, or apprentice holding a valid license is eligible to participate in a certain cross connection/backflow prevention certification program; authorizing certain plumbers and journey plumbers to certify the installation and testing of certain devices; providing that local jurisdictions may adopt certain regulations or enact certain laws that are comparable to or more stringent than a certain law; and generally relating to the certification of plumbers to perform certain cross connection/backflow prevention work.

BY adding to

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

Section 12-306(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 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

12-306.

(C) (1) ~~ANY MASTER PLUMBER OR JOURNEY PLUMBER~~, JOURNEY PLUMBER, OR APPRENTICE HOLDING A VALID LICENSE IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A BOARD-APPROVED CROSS CONNECTION/BACKFLOW PREVENTION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM TO BE CERTIFIED AS AN APPROVED CROSS CONNECTION/BACKFLOW PREVENTION TECHNICIAN.

(2) ~~ONLY AN INDIVIDUAL~~ A MASTER PLUMBER OR JOURNEY PLUMBER POSSESSING CERTIFICATION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO CERTIFY THE INSTALLATION AND TESTING OF MECHANICAL CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL DEVICES.