- (III) <u>1.</u> THE MARGIN OF DIFFERENCE IN THE NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED BY AN APPARENT WINNER AND THE LOSING CANDIDATE WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR AN OFFICE IS 0.1% OR LESS <u>OF THE TOTAL VOTES</u> CAST FOR THOSE CANDIDATES; OR
- 2. IN THE CASE OF A QUESTION, THE MARGIN OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR AND THE NUMBER CAST AGAINST THE QUESTION IS 0.1% OR LESS.
- (c) If the petitioner is not liable for the costs of the recount as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the costs shall be paid by the county in which the recount is held.

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

Approved May 21, 1998.

## CHAPTER 667

(House Bill 135)

AN ACT concerning

Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors - Journeyman License

FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements relating to the issuance of a heating, ventilation, air conditioning, or refrigeration journeyman license; requiring the Board to issue, without examination, a journeyman license to an individual who has successfully completed a State approved training program requiring the Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration to issue, without examination, a journeyman license to an applicant who has successfully completed a certain apprentice program; and generally relating to licensing procedures for heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 9A-306

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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