



# HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS

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Subject: Testimony Regarding Changes to The Electrical Licensing Law

In the State of Maryland Legislative Session 2021, the State has taken over the licensing of all Master Electricians. That legislation allows the local jurisdictions to change from licensing electricians to registering them for any work performed within that jurisdiction. In order to comply with the State's imposed change, the proposed legislation eliminates the word 'license' and requires all previous licenses to be converted to registrations in all local jurisdictions.

The State of Maryland Electrical Licensing Board will now be the authority within the State that will license all Master Electricians. Howard County will no longer license Master Electricians and all licenses will be converted to registrations in order for them to apply for and perform electrical work within the County.

### Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact with this legislation. This just changes our current practices of issuing licenses to issuing registrations. The same staff will be processing registrations and we are not proposing any fee changes.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at extension x3946.

Copy: Don Mock, P.E., Chief of Plan Review  
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