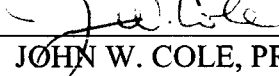


COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND

LEGISLATIVE BILL #2007-3

INTRODUCED BY: COMMISSIONERS COLE, LAYTON AND GHRIST  
INTRODUCED ON: APRIL 10, 2007

ATTEST:   
JOHN W. COLE, PRESIDENT

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A BILL ENTITLED

CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF CAROLINE COUNTY  
ELECTRICAL STANDARDS  
Chapter 98

*FOR THE PURPOSE of revising and updating definitions, the duties of the Board of Electrical Examiners, installation standards, licenses and permits, and examinations; ~~creating the homeowner electrical permit;~~ and generally pertaining to electrical standards.*

BY AMENDING: Sec. 98-2. Definitions.  
Sec. 98-3. Establishment; membership and terms.  
Sec. 98-4. Officials; meetings.  
Sec. 98-9. Bond requirements.  
Sec. 98-15. Inspections.  
Sec. 98-17. Applicability of licensing requirements.  
Sec. 98-18. Classes of electricians and licenses designated; qualifications.  
Sec. 98-20. Examinations.  
Sec. 98-23. Expiration and renewal.  
Sec. 98-24. Reciprocal licenses.  
Sec. 98-25. Grandfather clause; criteria for applicability.  
Sec. 98-26. Inactive licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE I  
General Provisions

§ 98-2. Definitions.

ELECTRICIAN-

- A. GENERAL ELECTRICIAN — Any person engaged only in house wiring, limited to a dwelling containing not more than four family units, ~~and/or commercial wiring, limited to the installation of one three phase circuit, not exceeding 60 amperes, in existing commercial structures.~~
- B. LIMITED ELECTRICIAN — A person engaged in the installation of equipment and control wiring of not more than two of the following categories of equipment or facilities:

- (1) Electrically operated heating and/or air-conditioning equipment.
- (2) Electrically operated refrigeration equipment.
- (3) Electrically operated display signs and lighting fixtures.
- (4) Electrically operated elevators.
- (5) Electrically operated fire alarm or detection systems.
- (6) Electrically operated appliances.
- ~~(7) Electrically operated residential swimming pools.~~

~~**HOMEOWNER ELECTRICAL PERMIT — A 12-MONTH PERMIT ISSUED AFTER PASSING AN EXAMINATION AS REQUIRED IN § 98-20 ALLOWING A HOMEOWNER TO PERFORM ELECTRICAL WORK ON THEIR OWN PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND/OR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, EXCEPT ACCESSORY DWELLINGS, RENTALS, SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS.**~~

**SHELVED LICENSE — A LICENSE THAT IS INACTIVE, BUT CAN BE REACTIVATED BY APPLYING FOR RENEWAL AND PAYING THE RENEWAL LICENSE FEE FOR THE APPLICABLE CLASS.**

## ARTICLE II Board of Electrical Examiners

### § 98-3. Establishment; membership and terms.

- C. Original appointments; tenure; vacancy and resignation. The members appointed under The Caroline County Electrical Code adopted September 30, 1980, shall hold office for such staggered terms as were set forth in said ordinance (one member, one year; two members, two years; two members, three years). Thereafter, all terms shall be for periods of three years. Terms shall begin on the first day of October and end on the last day of September. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Vacancies created by death, resignation or removal shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. Absence of a member for three consecutive meetings or for more than six meetings in any one calendar year shall **MAY** be deemed a resignation.

### § 98-4. Officials; meetings.

- B. Regular and special meetings. The Board shall meet ~~on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Grand Jury Room at the Courthouse in Denton or~~ **ONCE A MONTH** at such time and place as shall be designated by the Chairman of the Board. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman of the Board or by any three members.

### § 98-9. Bond requirements **RESERVED**.

~~The Secretary-Treasurer of the Board shall give a surety bond to the County Commissioners in such sum as the Board shall require from time to time. The amount of the bond shall be not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000. The premium for such bond shall be regarded as a proper and necessary expense of the Board.~~

## ARTICLE III Installation Standards; Inspection Regulations

### § 98-15. Inspections.

- A. General procedures. All electrical installations, except the ~~installation of one single phase twenty ampere or less electrical circuit, not exceeding six outlets~~ **EXTENSION OF AN**

**EXISTING CIRCUIT NOT EXCEEDING TWO (2) OUTLETS**, shall be certified by the inspection agency or by the County Electrical Inspector prior to use. Inspections shall be made within five workdays after request for the same by an installer.

**§ 98-17. Applicability of licensing requirements.**

A. The provisions of this article of the Caroline County Electrical Code shall not apply to the following:

- (1) Any electric light or power company, any railway company, any telegraph or telephone company or any cable television company nor to any persons performing electrical work for any such company when such work is a part of the plant or services used by the company in rendering its authorized service to the public.
- (2) Anyone performing repairs, maintenance or other servicing of electrical equipment in factories ~~or on farm premises~~.
- (3) ~~Any person doing electrical work in a single family dwelling house or its curtilage, which curtilage shall expressly include but not be limited to commercial poultry houses, silos, barns and other farm related structures located on the same tract of land as the dwelling house, provided that said person is the bona fide owner and residential occupant of such dwelling house. Farmers and their employees performing maintenance on existing electrical equipment on farm premises. Individuals performing new installations on farm premises must comply with the licensing requirements.~~ **(A) ANY PERSON DOING ELECTRICAL WORK IN OR ON A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING HOUSE OR ITS CURTILAGE, WHICH CURTILAGE SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS LOCATED ON THE SAME TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND AS THE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING HOUSE, INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL-RELATED STRUCTURES, PROVIDED THAT THE PERSON SO DOING IS THE BONA FIDE OWNER AND RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANT OF SUCH RESIDENTIAL DWELLING HOUSE, OR (B) ANY PERSON (INCLUDING EMPLOYEES THEREOF) DOING ELECTRICAL WORK ON FARM PREMISES, STRUCTURES, OR SYSTEMS ON A PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND OWNED OR LEASED BY THAT PERSON.**
- (4) Any employee of any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of doing electrical work, any general electrician or any limited electrician, when under the supervision of a master electrician, general electrician or limited electrician.
- (5) Any person holding a first- or second-class radio-telephone license issued by the Federal Communications Commission doing electrical work, as defined herein, directly relating to the powering, installation and use of radio-telephone equipment.

**§ 98-18. ~~Classes of electricians and licenses~~ **LICENSES AND PERMITS** designated; qualifications.**

There shall be three classes of electricians and licenses, namely master electrician, general electrician and limited electrician, ~~AND A HOMEOWNER ELECTRICAL PERMIT.~~

A. Master electrician. In order to qualify for a license, a master electrician must:

- (1) Successfully complete an examination as set forth in § 98-20 of this chapter.
- (2) ~~Have or be employed in a permanent place of business and devote a majority of his time to the performance of electrical work or intend to have the same and do so and in fact have the same and do so within 90 days of the date of issuance of a license hereunder~~ **BEEN ENGAGED OR EMPLOYED REGULARLY AND**

**PRINCIPALLY IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR ALL TYPES OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS FOR AT LEAST SEVEN (7) YEARS WHILE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF A MASTER ELECTRICIAN. THE BOARD MAY ALLOW AN APPLICANT UP TO THREE (3) YEARS OF CREDIT TOWARD THE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE APPLICANT HAS COMPLETED A FORMAL COURSE OF STUDY OR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION COMPARABLE TO THE REQUIRED EXPERIENCE AS PERMITTED BY THE MARYLAND UNIFORM ELECTRICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION COMMITTEE, INC.**

- (3) ~~Have had at least four years of practical experience in the electrical work set forth under the definition of "master electrician" in § 98-2 of this chapter. Schooling or training in a technical school or college relating to said work may be substituted, month for month, for not more than two years of said four years of practical experience.~~

~~**D. HOMEOWNER ELECTRICAL PERMIT. IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE, A HOMEOWNER MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN EXAMINATION AS SET FORTH IN § 98-20 OF THIS CHAPTER. THE HOMEOWNER MUST ALSO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF BEING THE HOMEOWNER AND OCCUPANT OF THE DWELLING. THE HOMEOWNER MUST OCCUPY THE DWELLING FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION AND PROFESSIONAL INSPECTION OF THE ELECTRICAL WORK.**~~

#### § 98-20. Examinations.

##### A. General regulations.

- (1) Examinations shall be based on the Electrical Code as defined herein.
- (2) Examinations shall be conducted from time to time as scheduled by the Board.
- (3) ~~LICENSE~~ Examinations shall be conducted from time to time as scheduled by the Board. The Board shall schedule examinations so that each applicant has an opportunity to be examined within two months of the date of submission of his or her application or written request for reexamination, provided that the application meets the requirements of this chapter. **ON A QUARTERLY SCHEDULE — MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER. DETERMINED BY THE BOARD. — HOMEOWNER ELECTRICAL PERMIT EXAMS SHALL BE CONDUCTED ONCE A MONTH.**
- (4) Applicants may make use of the Electrical Code for reference during examinations.
- (5) The Board may disapprove the application of any applicant who makes use of unauthorized materials or assistance during the examination.
- (6) The achievement of a grade of 70% or more of the possible point credits in the examination shall constitute successful completion.

#### § 98-23. Expiration and renewal.

- A. Expiration of license. All licenses shall expire on the last day of June not less than 13 months and no more than 25 months following the date of issuance. ~~THE HOMEOWNER ELECTRICAL PERMIT SHALL EXPIRE 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUANCE AND IS NON-RENEWABLE; A NEW HOMEOWNER ELECTRICAL PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED UPON EXPIRATION.~~

B. Conditions of license renewal.

- (1) Licenses may be renewed for a two-year term at any time during the month of June by payment of the renewal fee.
- (2) Licenses not renewed during ~~during~~ **PRIOR TO ON OR BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF** the month of June ~~may be renewed thereafter by payment of the renewal fee and late renewal charge.~~ The right of renewal granted in this subsection shall not be construed as the right to do electrical work during a period when a license is expired and not renewed **WILL NOT BE RENEWED UNTIL LICENSEE COMPLETES AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENSE.**
- (3) **TEN HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RENEW A GENERAL OR MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE. THE CREDITS MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITHIN THE TWO YEARS PRIOR TO RENEWAL.**

§ 98-24. Reciprocal licenses.

~~B. Eligibility requirements for licensees with licenses issued without examination. A reciprocal electrical license of the same class or for the same type of work performed, if available, shall be issued by the Board, without examination, to any eligible applicant who has obtained his license without an examination in a jurisdiction within this state and who has held a license in that jurisdiction for a period of two years immediately prior to applying.~~

~~C. B. Fees and insurance requirements. All applicants for a reciprocal license under this reciprocity system shall be subject to the payment of the prescribed fees and to the furnishing of proof of general liability insurance to the Board~~

§ 98-25. ~~Grandfather clause; criteria for applicability~~ **RESERVED.**

~~Any person who shall have been a master electrician, general electrician, or limited electrician in the State of Maryland for at least two years immediately preceding the effective date of this chapter shall be entitled to the issuance of a license in his or her category without an examination, provided that:~~

- ~~A. He or she files a written application with the Board not later than 90 days after the effective date of this chapter.~~
- ~~B. He or she meets and complies with all the requirements for licensure set forth in this chapter, except the examination requirement.~~
- ~~C. He or she files an affidavit setting forth that he or she has been engaged, as his or her principal occupation, in electrical work as described under the definitions of "master electrician," "general electrician," or "limited electrician" in § 98-2 of this chapter, as the case may be, for a period of at least two years prior to the effective date of this chapter. The affidavit shall also set forth that the applicant has not been notified by any inspection agency anywhere in this state of any violations or deficiency which continues to exist. If the applicant cannot make such affidavit, then the application shall be rejected, unless the Board finds unusual circumstances justifying or excusing the situation.~~

§ 98-26. ~~Inactive~~ **SHELVED** licenses.

- ~~A. Any master electrician, general electrician or limited electrician may direct the Board, in writing, to place~~ **SHELVE** his or her license in inactive status. Thereupon, the licensee may not engage in any electrical work governed by this chapter.
- ~~B. An inactive~~ **A SHELVED** license shall be reactivated upon written request by the

licensee to the Board and payment of the ordinary renewal license fee for the applicable class.

- C. ~~An inactive A~~ **SHELVED** license must be ~~renewed~~ **ACTIVATED** every two years **RENEWAL PERIODS**, during the month of June, by ~~written request~~ **APPLICATION** for renewal and payment of an inactive license fee, **EXCEPT FOR INSPECTORS OF APPROVED INSPECTION AGENCIES IN CAROLINE COUNTY**. ~~An inactive A~~ **SHELVED** license shall become null and void if not so renewed.
- D. The insurance required by the provisions of § 98-22 of this chapter need not be kept in force while a license is ~~in an inactive status~~ **SHELVED**.

**SECTION 2.** The title of this legislative bill, or a condensed version thereof, shall be deemed to be, and is, a fair summary of this bill for publication and all other purposes.

**SECTION 3.** This public local law shall take effect forty-five days after enactment by the County Commissioners.

**ENACTED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE 2007.**


ATTEST:


  
LEIGH SANDS  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

  
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