

**CHAPTER 436****(House Bill 1428)**

AN ACT concerning

**Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors – Licenses**

FOR the purpose of allowing the Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors to issue without examination a journeyman's license, under certain circumstances; establishing procedures for obtaining a master, master restricted, or limited license under certain circumstances; altering procedures for renewing and reactivating a license on inactive status; making a technical change; and generally relating to licenses for heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 9A-101(a) and (m), 9A-302, 9A-306, and 9A-309

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

**Article – Business Regulation**

9A-101.

(a) In this [subtitle] TITLE the following words have the meanings indicated.

(m) "Limited license" means a license issued by the Board exclusively to maintain or repair ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: heating systems, cooling systems, refrigeration systems, ventilation systems, or hydronic systems.

9A-302.

(a) To qualify for an apprentice, journeyman, master, master restricted, or limited license, an applicant shall meet the requirements of this section.

(b) An applicant for a master heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license shall:

(1) have been regularly and principally employed in providing heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services under a journeyman license for not less than 3 years of active experience under the direction and control of a master heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor and have been so employed for not less than 1,875 hours in the year prior to application; and

(2) pass an examination administered by the Board.