

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

2009 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: April 21, 2009

Bill No.: 1164

Expiration Date: June 25, 2009

Introduced by: Mr. Duncan, Mr. Foster, Mr. Harrison

A BILL TO AMEND TALBOT COUNTY CODE § 56-11 TO ELIMINATE “ELECTRICIAN – GENERAL” LICENSE CATEGORY AND ELIMINATE RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION OF THIS LICENSE CATEGORY EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2009, TO ALLOW RENEWAL OF LICENSES ISSUED PRIOR TO AUGUST 1, 2009 IN THIS CATEGORY, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “ELECTRICIAN – LIMITED” TO INCLUDE WIRING OF ANY ALARM SYSTEMS, VOICE, AUDIO, OR VIDEO WIRING, SWIMMING POOL AND SPA BONDING, AND LOW VOLTAGE WIRING, TO CHANGE THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENT FOR RENEWAL TO SEMI-ANNUAL RENEWALS

By the Council: April 21, 2009

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By Order _____
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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KEY

- Boldface**..... Heading or defined term.
- Underlining..... Added to existing law by original bill.
- ~~Strikethrough~~..... Deleted from existing law by original bill.
- Double underlining.....Added to bill by amendment.
- ~~Double strikethrough~~Deleted from bill by amendment.
- * * *Existing law or bill unaffected.

SECTION ONE: BE IT ENACTED BY the County Council of Talbot County, Maryland, that Talbot County Code Chapter 56, Electrical Standards, Section 56-11, entitled “Application” shall be and is hereby amended as set forth below:

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1 **§56-11. Application.**

2 Application for a license to perform electrical work in Talbot County, Maryland may be
3 processed through the responsible agency of the County government as assigned by the
4 County Council. The applicants must state that they are applying for one of the following
5 classifications of registration:

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7 B. "Electrician general" means any person engaged only in residential wiring, limited to a
8 dwelling containing no more than four family units, and commercial wiring limited to a
9 circuit of not more than 60 amperes, three-phase, in an existing commercial structure. No
10 license in this category and no certificate of registration for reciprocity under § 56-17
11 may be issued upon any application filed on or after August 1, 2009. However, licenses
12 issued before August 1, 2009, may continue to be renewed in accordance with the
13 provisions of § 56-15 B., as amended.

14 C. "Electrician limited" means any person who limits electrical work to the installation of the
15 maintenance and control wiring in not more than two of the following categories of
16 electrically operated equipment, systems, or devices:

17 (1) Heating, ventilation, ~~and~~ air-conditioning, and refrigeration equipment.

18 (2) ~~Refrigeration equipment.~~ Display signs.

19 ~~(3) Display signs.~~

20 ~~(4)(3) Elevators.~~

21 ~~(5)(4) Fire alarm or detection systems. Any alarm system, including but not limited to:~~
22 fire, burglary, medical, or detection systems.

23 ~~(6)(5) Appliances.~~

24 ~~(7)(6) Voice, audio, or video wiring.~~

25 (7) Swimming pool and spa bonding.

26 (8) Low voltage wiring not included in the above categories.

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28 § 56-15. Issuance and renewal.

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30 B. License renewal for all classifications shall be required ~~annually~~ every two (2) years
31 during the month of July. Beginning in July, 2009, approximately one-half (1/2) of all
32 license renewals shall be for one (1) year, and one-half (1/2) for two (2) years; thereafter
33 license renewals shall be staggered so that approximately one-half (1/2) shall be renewed
34 each July for a two (2) year period. Renewal of licenses in good standing shall be ~~issued~~
35 ~~with~~ approved upon compliance with requirements for certification of insurance, ~~as~~
36 ~~stipulated in under~~ § 56-15A, and payment of the ~~annual fee, which shall be equal to the~~
37 ~~original cost for such class of certification of registration,~~ according to the fee schedule in
38 effect. Failure ~~on the part of any registrant~~ to renew the license, as required by this
39 section, shall not deprive ~~such person~~ any registrant of the right of renewal. However,
40 the fee to be paid for the license renewal after the month of July shall be assessed an
41 additional \$2 for each calendar day, or fraction thereof, that payment of the renewal fee is
42 delayed, up to 90 days, at which time the license will be subject to revocation at the
43 discretion of the Board.

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45 SECTION TWO: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Ordinance shall take effect sixty
46 (60) days from the date of its passage.

47 SECTION THREE: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this
48 Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any
49 reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
50 any other application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid
51 provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are declared
52 severable.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time, date, and place of hearing, and Title of Bill No. 1164 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

ENACTED: May 12, 2009

By Order _____
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Foster	-	Aye
Pack	-	Aye
Duncan	-	Aye
Bartlett	-	Abstained
Harrison	-	Aye

