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TO: DPS Customers

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RE: **POLICY CHANGE FOR ELECTRICAL LICENSE**

The Senate Bill 762 – Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions (“SB 762”), Chapter 708, went into effect on July 1, 2021. It made many significant changes to the existing licensure schematic for electricians. The State is now the authority having jurisdiction over electrical licenses in Maryland. The local authority to issue master, journeyman and apprentice electrical licenses has been repealed.

The Maryland Electricians Act does not prevent local jurisdictions from issuing a license to perform low voltage electrical work; however, there is no license in Montgomery County’s licensure schematic that is limited to low voltage electrical work. In Montgomery County, low voltage electrical work was permitted under a limited master license which had allowed electrical services that are now regulated by the State.

In order to remedy this licensure gap, Montgomery County is doing everything it is empowered to do, including expediting the amendment of Chapter 17, Electricity, of the County Code, and creating a new license for low voltage electrical work.

Until Council’s approval of the amendment of Chapter 17, Electricity, Montgomery County is allowing low voltage permits to be issued to electricians with a valid limited master electrician license issued by Montgomery County. Additionally, the limited master electrician licenses that have expired on June 15, 2021 or later, will be extended by 120 days.

Links: [Maryland Electricians Act](#) & [Maryland State of Board of Master Electricians](#)

