

**PROPOSED ACTION ON REGULATIONS
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Subtitle 20 BOARD OF PLUMBING

09.20.02 Enforcement of the Plumbing Law by the Board

Authority: Business Occupations and Professions Article, §§12-207 and 12-503(a), Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[12-166-P]

The State Board of Plumbing proposes to amend Regulation .10 under **COMAR 09.20.02 Enforcement of the Plumbing Law by the Board**. This action was considered by the State Board of Plumbing at a public meeting held on November 17, 2011, notice of which was given by publication in 38:23 Md. R. 1481 (November 4, 2011).

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to amend the yearly education requirements for plumbing inspectors hired by the State, a county, or a local government; to conform to Business Occupations and Professions Article, §12-503(a)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland; and to require that each inspector complete eight hours of continuing education each calendar year to adequately ensure that the inspector remains qualified to inspect in accordance with the State Plumbing Code.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Brenda Clark, Administrative Aide, State Board of Plumbing, 500 North Calvert Street, Third Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, or call 410-230-6164, or email to bclark@dllr.state.md.us, or fax to 410-333-6314. Comments will be accepted through August 13, 2012. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Open Meeting

Final action on the proposal will be considered by the State Board of Plumbing during a public meeting to be held on July 19, 2012, at 10:30 a.m., at 500 N. Calvert Street, Third Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202.

.10 Qualifications for Plumbing Inspectors.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Each plumbing inspector shall [attend, at least once each year, a refresher course to be conducted by the State Board or a course which is consistent in content with the State Board's course and which is conducted by a county or local government.]:

(1) Attend, at least once each year, continuing education pursuant to Business Occupations and Professions Article, §12-503(a)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland, to be conducted by the State Board, or a course which is consistent in content with the State Board's course and which is conducted by a county or local government; and

(2) In accordance with Business Occupations and Professions Article, §12-503(a)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland, obtain a cumulative 8 hours of qualifying continuing education each calendar year.

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