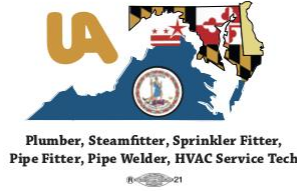


Mid Atlantic Pipe Trades Association



Maryland House of Delegates – Economic Matters Committee

TO: Delegate Dereck E. Davis, Chair; and Member of the House Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Jason Ascher, Political Director – Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association

Support HB 722 – Labor and Employment – Occupational Safety and Health – Heat Stress Standards

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association and its over seven thousand members from United Association Locals across the state, I ask that you SUPPORT HB 722.

With the record number of days with extreme heat on the rise, heat related deaths are increasing. Construction workers are one of many fields who spend almost their entire work day exposed to this heat. With construction some of the places they work it may get even hotter than the outside temperature. It is important to protect workers from heat related injuries. Simply making sure employers have a plan for the worksite which provides for water, monitoring workers for exposure to heat, and providing paid breaks will help decrease these unnecessary injuries and deaths. Maryland OSHA should set stress rules and ensure that worksites have everything necessary to protect their workers.

For the reasons listed above, I ask that you SUPPORT HB 722 with a favorable report.

Sincerely,
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