



Statement on Maryland Electricians Act of 2020 Proposal

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State Legislative Initiatives to Restrict Low-Voltage Contractors and Integrators From Installing Equipment, Cabling and Infrastructure

CCCA is concerned about legislative initiatives taking place in multiple States and Jurisdictions, including Maryland, that would modify or limit licensed and certified Low-Voltage Contractors from installing powered low-voltage circuits, cabling and equipment such as Power Over Ethernet (PoE), Class 2 and 3 Circuits or other applications. The important safety requirements for these installations have been carefully considered and implemented in recent code cycles of *NFPA 70*, *National Electric Code*[®] (*NEC*[®]). CCCA disagrees with restricting any Low-Voltage Contractors with legislation that is exclusionary or limiting from work or installations that they have performed safely and competently for many years.

These legislative proposals negatively impact and harm multiple low-voltage trades and systems installers (“Integrators”) in applications such as Fire Alarm, Security & Surveillance, Audio/Visual, Enterprise Data/Network, LED Lighting, Home Automation/Theatre, Telephone, Cable TV, Digital Electronics, Building Automation and emerging technologies utilizing low voltage power distribution.

CCCA does support licensure requirements that are competency-based, along with fair legislative regulations based on industry-accepted codes and standards. CCCA would support and promote model legislation for all trades that would assure the consumer a safe and certified project. Our premise is to recognize appropriate safety and competence as well as to assure that any proposed legislation is “non-exclusionary”.

About CCCA

CCCA was formed on the principle that the industry could be served and strengthened by leveraging the efforts of individual leading firms into a single “voice” and mission that would benefit the structured cabling community and its supply chain. Today, the association’s backbone is an active Board of Directors and working committees that manage the association, execute our mission and provide a platform for member benefits and initiatives.

Mission Statement

CCCA is a major resource for well researched, fact-based information and education on the important issues, technologies and structured cabling products impacting the current and future needs of the building network and cabling infrastructure. CCCA is proactive in supporting and participating in codes and standards bodies and other trade, industry and safety organizations, which affect the quality, performance and societal needs of the structured cabling infrastructure.

CCCA focuses its mission on **“What You Need to Know”** to stay abreast and well-informed on topics and issues vital to the structured cabling and connectivity industry.

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