



MARYLAND SENATE BILL 994

SB994 - Maryland Electricians Act of 2020

The Maryland Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (MDBFAA) is the only state association representing contractors who provide burglar and fire alarms in Maryland. Our members also provide a variety of low voltage services to Maryland homes and businesses, including access control systems, video surveillance systems, home automation and control, audio visual systems, computer and communications networks and satellite dishes.

Currently, Low voltage electrical contractors are not licensed at the state level but are licensed at the local level in several jurisdictions as low voltage, restricted or limited electricians.

MDBFAA supports SB 994

SB 994 will:

- Allow low voltage integrators to be licensed as low voltage electricians
- Allow low voltage integrators to meet requirements designed for electrical work that they do and avoid testing or training on work they will never do
- Allow low voltage electricians to pull permits at the local level, avoiding the additional expense of hiring a master to do work performed by the low voltage electrician
- Save consumers as redundant requirements are eliminated and cost savings are realized by contractors
- Streamline the licensing process and allow Maryland low voltage electricians to enjoy the possibility of reciprocity with surrounding states
- Bring consistency to education and experience requirements across the state
- Create a pathway for low voltage electrical workers to enter and progress in the industry
- Allow local government to continue local licenses
- Add the valuable perspectives of Electrical Inspector and Low Voltage Industry to the State Electrical Board
- Eliminate confusion by recognizing the latest version of the Electrical Code statewide

SB 994 will resolve the long-standing issues with electrical licensing that have generated multiple bills over the past six years.

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