

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS - LOCAL UNION No. 24

AFFILIATED WITH:

Baltimore-D.C. Metro Building Trades Council — AFL-CIO

Baltimore Port Council

Baltimore Metro Council — AFL-CIO

Central MD Labor Council — AFL-CIO

Del-Mar-Va Labor Council — AFL-CIO

Maryland State - D.C. — AFL-CIO

National Safety Council



BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21230

C. SAMUEL CURRERI, President

DAVID W. SPRINGHAM, JR., Recording Secretary

JEROME T. MILLER, Financial Secretary

MICHAEL J. McHALE, Business Manager

OFFICE:

2701 W. PATAPSCO AVE
SUITE 200

Phone: 410-247-5511

FAX: 410-536-4338

Written Testimony of

Rico Albacarys, Assistant Business Agent, IBEW LOCAL 24

Before the

House Economic Matters Committee on

HB 1285 – Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions

SUPPORT

March 4, 2022

Dear Chairman Wilson and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony in **support** of HB 1285.

My name is Rico Albacarys and I'm an employee and member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 24, in Baltimore.

I know how hard lawmakers worked to pass the Maryland Electricians Act last session. Statewide uniform licensing of electricians was a complicated issue with many stake holders.

The revisions in HB 1285 are clarifying language, streamlining the process for obtaining a Journeypersons license, and delineating the requirements to obtain a Master Electrician license. Additionally, SB 604 gives credit to Maryland residents for completing a State Registered Electrical Apprenticeship Program. These revisions update the current statute to align with the original intent and spirit of the Maryland Electricians Act. This is why I'm requesting you give HB 1285 a **favorable** report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rico Albacarys