

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



AFL-CIO-CLC
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

Michael J. McHale, Business Manager, IBEW LOCAL 24

Before the

House Economic Matters Committee on

HB 149 – Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions

SUPPORT

February 3, 2023

Chairman Wilson and Committee Members,

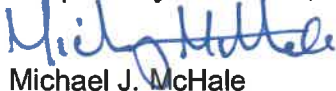
Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **support** of HB 149.

I am Michael McHale, a 38-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 24 in Baltimore. I currently serve our membership as the Business Manager.

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

The revisions in HB 149 are simply clarifying language. The current interpretation of the Maryland Electricians Act requires Master Electricians who have obtained their license for professional development purposes to either activate their license and pay for insurance or relinquish their Master License for a Journeyperson License. This proposal aims to align the statute with its original intent and spirit by clarifying the requirements for performing journey level work as a master electrician. This is why I'm requesting you give HB 149 a **favorable** report.

Respectfully Submitted,


Michael J. McHale

Business Manager IBEW Local 24