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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 994
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Maryland Electricians Act of 2020” and substitute “Department of Labor – Electricians – State Licensing Workgroup”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 1 through line 9 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, after line 9, insert:

“FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to convene a workgroup to study certain issues regarding the provision of electrical services and low-voltage electrical services in the State; requiring a certain workgroup to include certain representatives; requiring the Department to provide certain notice of certain meetings to certain persons and consider the comments of certain stakeholders; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a workgroup on the provision of electrical services and low-voltage electrical services in the State.”;

and strike in their entirety lines 10 through 28, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 30, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 30, insert:

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“(a) The Maryland Department of Labor shall convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations on the following issues regarding the provision of electrical services and low-voltage electrical services in the State:

(1) the licensing of master, journeyperson, and apprentice electricians by the State Board of Master Electricians, including uniform education, experience, and examination requirements;

(2) the licensing, regulation, and qualifications for individuals who provide low-voltage electrical services in the State, including exempting individuals who work with residential integrators on low-voltage technology systems, if necessary;

(3) the role of local governments in the licensing and code enforcement of and pulling of permits by electricians and individuals who provide low-voltage electrical services;

(4) the adoption of the National Electric Code across all jurisdictions in the State;

(5) an examination of the costs and benefits of adopting the licensing scheme proposed in Senate Bill 994 and House Bill 1127 of 2020; and

(6) any other relevant issues as determined by the Department.

(c) The workgroup shall include:

(1) a representative of the State Board of Master Electricians;

(2) representatives from electrician licensing authorities in local governments;

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(3) State licensed electricians and locally licensed electricians with varying years of experience;

(4) an electrical inspector;

(5) low-voltage electricians;

(6) a representative from the solar photovoltaic technology industry;

(7) a representative of a labor organization that represents licensed electricians; and

(8) any other stakeholders as determined by the Department.

(d) The Maryland Department of Labor shall:

(1) provide notice of each meeting of the workgroup to each person who provided written or oral testimony to a committee of the General Assembly for a hearing on either SB 994 or HB 1127 during the 2020 legislative session; and

(2) consider comments from interested stakeholders in developing any recommendations.

(e) On or before December 1, 2020, the Maryland Department of Labor shall, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on the findings and recommendations of the workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 through 29, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 31 on page 2 through line 19 on page 29, inclusive.

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On page 29, in line 20, strike “3.” and substitute “2”.