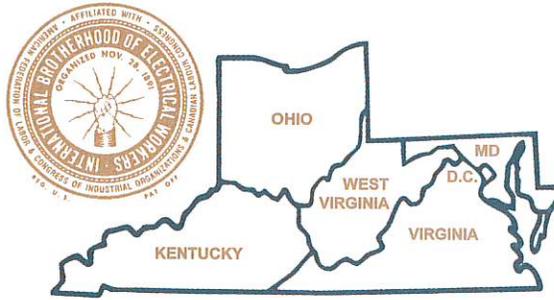


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SB 434 – Labor and Employment – Occupational Safety and Health – Heat Stress Standards

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Senate Finance Committee

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Brian G. Malloy, International Vice President, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Fourth District

Dear Chair Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman, and members of the Finance Committee,

On behalf of the more than 5,700 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Maryland, I am seeking your support for Senate Bill 434. This important bill, currently in session at the Maryland legislature, seeks to mandate the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Division of Labor and Industry to develop a standard protecting workers from heat stress and its subsequent health hazards.

Each year, thousands of IBEW members working in the construction, utility, transportation, telecommunications, broadcasting, and manufacturing industries, and other Maryland workers in the trades, are vulnerable to the dangers of heat exposure. Notable hazards to health include cramps, exhaustion, stroke, and even death. There are currently no federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration protections in place to protect workers from these hazards.

The proposed legislation will protect workers from dangerous heat exposure and other preventable heat-related health issues. The safety and health of all Maryland workers is of the utmost importance and I respectfully urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian G. Malloy'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'y' at the end.

Brian G. Malloy
International Vice President
IBEW Fourth District

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