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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
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**Vote Yes on Senate Bill 762**

**Bill Title: Maryland Electricians Act - Revisions**

**Hearing Date: March 2, 2021 - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**

**Chair: The Honorable Paul Pinsky; Vice Chair: The Honorable Cheryl Kagan**

I write to you today in **support** of Senate Bill 762. Electricians have a great responsibility of providing power in our homes, and in the private and public sector industries. Electrician duties include the electrical wiring of new building infrastructures to maintenance repairs. It would be virtually impossible for our world to operate without them, especially in this pivotal moment as many have transitioned to virtual working formats.

The purpose of this Bill is to change the name of the Maryland State Board of Master Electricians to the State Board of Electricians. Further, it would require the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to adopt a licensing program for low-voltage electricians by December 1, 2024, if legislation is not passed prior to this date. Currently, the United States does not offer a national licensing standard; rather each state certifies a licensed electrician. Electricians are typically categorized as either linemen (working on systems of higher-voltage such as power lines and communications – cable, internet, or phone – lines) or wiremen (working on lower-voltage projects such as in residences and commercial properties). Therefore, it is necessary to establish a separate licensing program for those working on lower-voltage projects.

Additionally, Senate Bill 762 takes into consideration the recommendations from the Maryland State Electricians Licensing Work Group. As Maryland would transition to providing a statewide journeymen license, local jurisdictions would no longer provide licenses, but rather register electricians locally.

If enacted, Senate Bill 762 would take effect on July 1, 2021.

In efforts to increase efficiency in the electrical industry and to protect consumers, we hope that you will move for a **favorable** report of Senate Bill 762.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cory V. McCray".

Cory V. McCray  
State Senator