

## **Senate Bill 184**

Date: January 20, 2022

Committee: Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

Bill Title: State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration

Contractors-Sunset Extension

Re: Letter of Support

The Maryland Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVACR) Contractors licenses and regulates individuals who provide commercial and residential HVACR services pursuant to the provisions of Business Regulation Article 9A.

The board licenses and ensures regulatory compliance for over 19,700 licensees in the above referenced licensing categories.

The Board is also authorized to adopt applicable regulations for the provision of HVACR services, including codes and minimum standards for the installation, alteration, remodeling, maintenance and repair of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems.

The Board investigates complaints against licensees and complaints related to unlicensed practice. The Board may pursue disciplinary charges against an individual for violations of applicable laws or regulations, conduct hearings and, if warranted, impose administrative sanctions including suspension or revocation and/or assess a civil penalty for each violation of a law and regulation.

The licensing and regulatory enforcement of the statute and regulations set forth by the board ensure that the citizens of Maryland are protected and that the HVACR services provided by licensed individuals meet the highest standards of education, training, and competency.

For these reasons, the Department respectfully requests a favorable report from the Committee on Senate Bill 184.