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## Written Testimony of

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Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee on

SB 604 – Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions

## SUPPORT

February 15, 2022

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony in **support** of SB 604.

My name is Michael McHale, I am a 37-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 last session. Statewide uniform licensing of electricians was a complicated issue with many stake holders.

The revisions in SB 604 are clarifying language, streamlining the process for obtaining a Journeypersons license, and delineating the requirements to obtain a Master Electrician license. Additionally, SB 604 gives credit to Maryland residents for completing a State Registered Electrical Apprenticeship Program. These revisions update the current statute to align with the original intent and spirit of the Maryland Electricians Act. This is why I'm requesting you give SB 604 a **favorable** report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. McHale