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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 44

Bill Title: Maryland Electricians Act- Revisions
Hearing Date: January 26, 2023, Education, Energy, and the Environment

To Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair, Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Education, Energy, and Environmental Affairs.

Mr. Chair, Madame Vice Chair, and members of the committee. I write today to request your support for Senate Bill 44. During the past year, we have been able to pass legislation to create electrical licensure for the State of Maryland. Senate Bill 44 is a corrective bill to address a segment of electricians that have shelved their master's licenses and currently don't have a classification within the current structure. The intention behind moving this bill forward is to add a license for the Master Electricians that have shelved their license.

Senate Bill 44 is a partnership with the Maryland Department of Labor and those within the profession to address the current license issue that persists. It has been agreed upon with the vested stakeholders that this would be the best path forward to address the issue of those that sought to better themselves by seeking their master's license, and without a classification.

As with the previous year, I hope to earn your continued support in moving the Maryland Electricians Act forward by passing Senate Bill 44.

Respectfully,

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Cory V. McCray
State Senator

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**SB 44 - Maryland Electricians Act - Revisions
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
January 26, 2023**

SUPPORT

**Donna S. Edwards
President
Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO**

Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB44. My name is Donna S. Edwards, and I am the President of the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO. On behalf of Maryland's 300,000 union members, I offer the following comments.

SB 44 clarifies language regarding electrical apprenticeships, licensing requirements, and insurance matters for the electrical trades. The bill establishes that approval of state electrical apprenticeship programs be completed by the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning. Maryland made this change in 2017 to comply with federal regulations, but failed to remove the old references to other entities.

By changing the wording in current law from inactive to uninsured, the Maryland Electrician's Act allows master electricians that no longer want to carry expensive insurance to continue working as an electrician as long as they do not act in their capacity as a master electrician. Current law requires that licensed master electricians carry general liability insurance and property damage insurance. This change will allow more electricians to continue working in a lesser capacity.

We encourage a favorable report for SB44.

Thank you.

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Michael J. McHale, Business Manager, IBEW LOCAL 24

Before the

Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee on

SB 44 – Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions

SUPPORT

January 25, 2023

Chairman Feldman and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **support** of SB 44.

I am Michael McHale, a 38-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 in prior sessions. Statewide uniform licensing of electricians was a complicated issue with many stake holders.

The revisions in SB 44 are simply clarifying language. The current interpretation of the Maryland Electricians Act requires Master Electricians who have obtained their license for professional development purposes to either activate their license and pay for insurance or relinquish their Master License for a Journeyperson License. This proposal aims to align the statute with its original intent and spirit by clarifying the requirements for performing journey level work as a master electrician. This is why I'm requesting you give SB 44 a **favorable** report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. McHale

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