



Maryland Senate - Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

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Senate Bill 0023 - Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Services - Journeyman License - Qualifications

Position: Support

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council supports SB 0023. The increase of apprenticeship hours under the direction of a Master HVACR Mechanic is imperative to ensure that an individual has acquired the skill and working knowledge of the codes and practices to professionally install and service HVACR systems for public and private safety and comfort. In comparison an apprentice plumber needs 7200 hours and an apprentice electrician needs 8000 hours under the direction of their respective Master Plumber and Master Electrician to sit for their journey person exams administered by the state of Maryland. Training and licensing provide a means to protect your work from unlawful and injurious competition. Senate Bill 0023 provides a means to that end.

We urge the Committee for a favorable report. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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