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## Written Testimony of

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,

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