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TO: ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE

FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

RE: H.B. 92 – HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS – LICENSE RESTORATION

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Associated Builders and Contractors of Maryland support HB 92. As written, this bill would extend the time during which an individual who has held a heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration (HVAC/R) contractor license may apply for license restoration from 90 days to 4 years.

This extension would have several significant benefits to our member companies and their employees. It would reduce the barriers to re-entry. Many individuals may face unforeseen circumstances that prevent them from renewing their licenses within the current 90-day window. These circumstances could include illness or injury, family emergencies, or financial hardship.

By allowing contractors to more easily restore their licenses, the public will be better protected. Licensed contractors are held to higher standards and are required to demonstrate competence and adhere to safety regulations. Extending the restoration period would ensure that qualified professionals can continue to serve the public.

Restoring licenses allows experienced contractors to return to the workforce, boosting the HVAC/R industry and contributing to economic growth. It also prevents the loss of valuable skills and expertise.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC members in Maryland, we respectfully request a favorable report on H.B. 92.

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