



## Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Electrical Workers

Chair: William C. Smith, Jr

Insulators

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Boilermakers

### **Senate Bill 111 Occupational Licenses or Certificates – Pre-application Determinations – Criminal Convictions**

United Association

Position: **SUPPORT**

Plumbers & Gas Fitters

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council supports Senate Bill 111. The Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation State boards do an admirable job of being fair and impartial in issuing occupational licenses as not to deny an individual the means to make a living or conduct a legitimate business. This legislation will help to codify that process. In my experience while attending a MD State Plumbing Board meeting, I was a witness to following scenario.

Sprinkler Fitters

Steam Fitters

Roofers

The MD Plumbing Board was going to revoke an apprentice license when they learned the individual had a felony conviction for breaking and entering. The young man, a single father, had served his time and was working as truck driver for a mechanical contractor. His employer had encouraged him to apply for an apprenticeship, he was accepted into the UA Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union no. 486 apprenticeship. He was working as an apprentice for the same contractor when he was sent a letter to report to the plumbing board. They were going to revoke his apprentice license due to his prior conviction with the reasoning that if he went to home on a service call what would stop him from casing the house to come back later and rob it. It was an intense meeting and the young man had to literally beg for his life. The Board granted him a waiver and he was allowed to stay in the apprenticeship and keep his job.

Cement Masons

Teamsters

Laborers

Bricklayers

Ironworkers

We ask the committee for a favorable vote. Thank you.

Sheet Metal Workers

Elevator Constructors

Painters

Respectfully,

Operating Engineers

Carpenters

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