

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE LABOR/ PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE
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**BY
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AND
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BILL NO. 5205 – ACC CONSTRUCTION SAFETY REFRESHER COURSE TRAINING

The MCAC and Local 777 would like to go on record in support of HB 5205, which will require that an OSHA four-hour refresher course be given to employees, who perform work on public works projects, every five years after they have taken the initial 10-hour or 30-Hour OSHA training course. This four-hour refresher course can be taught only by a federal OSHA authorized construction outreach trainer and can be tailored to provide appropriate training for the specific trades. This refresher course would be in addition to the ongoing safety training that takes place on all construction sites.

MCAC and Local 777 would like to recommend that the bill be amended to help eliminate some of the concerns expressed by various groups about the bill as drafted. Copies of the proposed amendment have been given to the committee clerk and counsel. Changes are as follows:

1. The trainer is officially called an OSHA authorized construction outreach trainer.
2. The four-hour supplemental training course shall include an update of revised or new OSHA safety standards, a review of the OSHA "Focus Four" and a review of the topics listed in OSHA CFR 1926 that are deemed appropriate by the OSHA authorized construction outreach trainer.
3. Require the OSHA authorized trainer to issue a completion card to the trainee.
4. Require the OSHA authorized trainer to register with DOL and pay a registration fee of (\$150.00). Trainer must submit registration form, copy of trainers OSHA authorization card and outline of course to DOL.
5. Require DOL to provide registration number and form to trainer to order completion cards for the course at \$1.00 each.
6. Require the registered trainer to maintain records of all persons who complete the refresher course.
7. Establish a \$1,000 penalty for any person who provides training for this course who is not registered and approved by DOL.

We respectfully request that the committee support this bill and the amendment and believe that these changes will improve safety training throughout the industry.

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