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REQUEST FOR RULEMAKING (RFR)

1. Department:

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

2. Bureau:

Bureau of Construction Codes

3. Promulgation type:

Full Process

4. Title of proposed rule set:

Electrical Administrative Board General Rules

5. Rule numbers or rule set range of numbers:

R 338.1001a through R 338.1099a

6. Estimated time frame:

12 months

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7. Describe the general purpose of these rules, including any problems the changes are intended to address.

The Skilled Trades Regulation Act, 2016 PA 407, repealed the Electrical Administrative Act, 1956 PA 217, MCL 338.881 to 338.892. The Electrical Administrative Act is outdated and does not provide uniform licensing, complaint investigation, and enforcement provisions for skilled trades licenses. This places a burden on the bureau administering the Electrical Administrative Act and creates an inefficient use of resources. Additionally, many licensees who are cross-licensed in multiple trades have expressed dissatisfaction with conflicting provisions in separate statutes. The Skilled Trades Regulation Act, PA 407 of 2016, streamlines the processes for all license types included while providing for modernized provisions, such as electronic communication and third-party continuing education tracking options, and specifies violations for unlicensed activity as provided to other regulated professions. Because the Electrical Administrative Act was repealed, the bureau plans to rescind the licensing rules promulgated under the Act and create a new rule set to house all licensing rules regulation under the Skilled Trades Regulation Act, including the Electrical Administrative Board General Rules.

8. Please cite the specific promulgation authority for the rules (i.e. department director, commission, board, etc.).

Department Director and Boards & Commission.

A. Please list all applicable statutory references (MCLs, Executive Orders, etc.).

Promulgation of the electrical administrative board general rules is authorized under section 207 of the Skilled Trades Regulation Act, 2016 PA 407, MCL 339.5207; and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 2003-1, 2008-4, and 2011-4, MCL 445.2011, 445.2025 and 445.2030. This authority replaces the previous authority under 1956 PA 217, MCL 338.881 to 338.892.

B. Are the rules mandated by any applicable constitutional or statutory provision? If so, please explain.

Some of the rules are mandated pursuant to MCL 339.5207, which states that the department shall, in consultation with the appropriate board, promulgate rules that the department considers necessary and appropriate to implement and administer articles 1-6 and that enable the department to fulfill its responsibilities under the act; that establish fees for licenses, exams, and inspectors; and that establish the fee schedule for other items including but not limited to variance requests product approvals or special inspections.

9. Please describe the extent to which the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.

There are no similar rules or regulation adopted by the state, regional, or federal government.

10. Is the subject matter of the rules currently contained in any guideline, handbook, manual, instructional bulletin, form with instructions, or operational memoranda?

There is no subject matter of these rules currently contained in any guideline, handbook, manual, instructional bulletin, form with the instructions, or operational memoranda.

11. Are the rules listed on the department's annual regulatory plan as rules to be processed for the current year?

Yes, these rules are listed in the department's annual regulatory plan.

12. Will the proposed rules be promulgated under Section 44 of the Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.244, or under the full rulemaking process?

Full Process

13. Please describe the extent to which the rules exceed similar regulations, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.

There are no similar rules or regulations adopted by the state, regional, or federal government.

14. Do the rules incorporate the recommendations received from the public regarding any complaints or comments regarding the rules? If yes, please explain.

The rules incorporate recommendations received from the public via email and comments provided by the public at an informal advisory meeting.

15. If amending an existing rule set, please provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed the regulatory activity covered by the rules since the last evaluation.

This is a rule set that is being rescinded and moved to the new Skilled Trades 407 rule set.

16. Are there any changes or developments since implementation that demonstrate there is no continued need for the rules, or any portion of the rules?

No

17. Is there an applicable decision record (as defined in MCL 24.203(6) and required by MCL 24.239(2))? If so, please attach the decision record.

No