

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Construction Codes
Administrative Rules for Skilled Trades Regulation Rules
Rule Set 2019-101 LR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Friday, October 16, 2020

09:00 AM

Virtual Room/ Conference Call

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93105262348?pwd=SVFLWitxeXILZjMvTGv0Tzd5NHprQT09>, Conference Call:
(877) 873-8017 Password/Conference Code: 109987

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Skilled Trades Regulation Rules rule set.

The Skilled Trades Regulation Act, 2016 PA 407, MCL 339.5101 to MCL 339.6133, repealed the following acts: The Boiler Act, 1965 PA 290, MCL 408.751 to 408.776, The State Plumbing Act, 2002 PA 733, MCL 338.3511 to 338.3569, The Forbes Mechanical Contractors Act, 1984 PA 192, MCL 338.971 to 338.988, The Electrical Administrative Act, 1956 PA 217, MCL 338.881 to 338.892, The Building Officials and Inspectors Registration Act, 1986 PA 54, MCL 338.2301 to 338.2313. The repealed acts are outdated and do not provide uniform licensing, complaint investigation, and enforcement provisions for skilled trades licenses. This places a burden on the bureau administering these acts 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, 2016 PA 407, 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. While the Skilled Trades Regulation Act repealed the five Acts that regulated certain skilled trades, this new Act includes provisions to regulate those same skilled trades. Consequently, the bureau is promulgating a new rule set to regulate these skilled trades, as provided under the new Act.

Some of the rules are mandated pursuant to MCL 339.5207(1)-(3), 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 inspections; and that establish the fee schedules for other items, including, but not limited to, variance requests, product approvals, or special inspections. These rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The rules are published on the Michigan Government web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/moahr> and in the Michigan Register in the 10/15/2020 issue. Copies of the draft rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic transmission at the following address:

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Comments on the rules may be made in person at the hearing or by mail or electronic mail until 10/16/2020 at 05:00PM.

The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, in accessible buildings with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearings due to disability may call 517-582-5519 to make arrangements.