

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Construction Codes
Administrative Rules for State Plumbing Board Rules
Rule Set 2019-106 LR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, May 23, 2022

09:00 AM

Michigan Library & Historical Center, First Floor Forum
702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48915

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the State Plumbing Board Rules rule set.

The Skilled Trades Regulation Act, 2016 PA 407, repealed the State Plumbing Act, 2002 PA 733, MCL 338.3511 to MCL 338.3569. The repealed Plumbing Act is outdated and does not provide uniform licensing, complaint investigation, and enforcement provisions for skilled trades licenses.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 Plumbing 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 licensing 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. Because the State Plumbing Act was repealed, the bureau plans to rescind the licensing rules promulgated under that Act and create a new rule set to house all licensing rules regulated under the Skilled Trades Regulation Act, including the plumbing board licenses rules.

Promulgation of the Plumbing Board Licenses rules is authorized under section 207 of the Skilled Trades Act, 2016 PA 407, MCL 339.5207; and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 2003-1, 2008-4, and 2011-4, MCL 445.2011, MCL 445.2025, and MCL 445.2030. This authority replaces the previous authority under 2002 PA 733, MCL 338.3511 to 338.3569.

The proposed rules will take effect 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State. The proposed rules are published on the State of Michigan's website at www.michigan.gov/ARD and in the 5/15/2022 issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of these proposed rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic mail at the following email address: LARA-BCC-Rules@michigan.gov.

Comments on these proposed rules may be made at the hearing, by mail, or by electronic mail at the following addresses until 5/23/2022 at 05:00PM.

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The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. If the hearing is held at a physical location, the building will be accessible with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearing due to disability may call 517-582-5519 to make arrangements.