

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
Bureau of Construction Codes  
Administrative Rules for Board of Mechanical Rules  
Rule Set 2019-126 LR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, May 23, 2022

09:00 AM

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

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

The Skilled Trades Regulation Act, 2016 PA 407, repealed the Forbes Mechanical Contractors Act, 1984 PA 192, MCL 338.971 to 338.988. The Mechanical Contractors Act is outdated and does not provide uniform licensing, complaint investigation, and enforcement provisions for skilled trades licenses.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 Mechanical Contractors 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 3407, 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 Because the Mechanical Contractors Act was repealed, the bureau plans to rescind the license examination procedure rules promulgated under that Act and create a new rule set to house all licensing rules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 license examination procedure rules.

By authority conferred promulgation of the mechanical rules license examination procedures is authorized under the Skilled Trades Regulation Act, section 207 of 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 1984 PA 192, MCL 338.971 to 338.988.

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](http://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](mailto: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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