

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

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 Call: 109987

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The Skilled Trades Regulation Act, 2016 PA 407, repealed the Forbes Mechanical Contractors Act, 1984 PA 192, MCL 338.971 to 338.988. The Mechanical Contractors Act is outdated and does not provide uniform licensing, complaint investigation, and enforcement provisions for skilled trades licenses.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 Because the Mechanical Contractors Act was repealed, the bureau plans to rescind the license examination procedure rules promulgated under that Act and create a new rule set to house all licensing rules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

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. 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.