

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

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 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The Skilled Trades Regulation Act, 2016 PA 407, MCL 339.5101 to MCL 339.6133, repealed the following acts: The Boiler Act, 1965 PA 290, MCL 408.751 to 408.776; The State Plumbing Act, 2002 PA 733, MCL 338.3511 to 338.3569; The Forbes Mechanical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 338.392; 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 The repealed acts are outdated and do not provide uniform licensing, complaint investigation, and enforcement provisions for skilled trades licenses.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 While the Skilled Trades Regulation Act repealed the five Acts that regulated certain skilled trades, this new Act includes provisions to regulate those same skilled trades.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.

Promulgation of the Skilled Trades Regulation 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 This authority replaces the previous rules promulgation authority under the five repealed Acts.

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.