

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

IDAPA 07 - DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

07.01.03 - RULES OF ELECTRICAL LICENSING AND REGISTRATION - GENERAL

DOCKET NO. 07-0103-0801

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - ADOPTION OF PENDING RULE

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule has been adopted by the agency and is now pending review by the 2009 Idaho State Legislature for final approval. The pending rule becomes final and effective at the conclusion of the legislative session, unless the rule is approved, rejected, amended or modified by concurrent resolution in accordance with Section 67-5224 and 67-5291, Idaho Code. If the pending rule is approved, amended or modified by concurrent resolution, the rule becomes final and effective upon adoption of the concurrent resolution or upon the date specified in the concurrent resolution.

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5224, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has adopted a pending rule. The action is authorized pursuant to Sections 54-1003 and 54-1006, Idaho Code.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a concise explanatory statement of the reasons for adopting the pending rule and a statement of any change between the text of the proposed rule and the text of the pending rule with an explanation of the reasons for the change:

There are no changes to the pending rule, therefore, it is being adopted as proposed. The complete text of the proposed rule was published in the August 6, 2008 Idaho Administrative Bulletin, Vol. 08-8, pages 44 through 46.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year:
N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS: For assistance on technical questions concerning this pending rule, contact Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator - Operations, (208) 332-8986.

DATED this 28th day of August, 2008.

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THE FOLLOWING NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED WITH THE PROPOSED RULE

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AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Sections 54-1003 and 54-1006, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than August 20, 2008.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

This rulemaking is intended to prevent the growing practice of unlicensed contractors advertising their services and holding themselves out to the public that they are available to perform electrical contracting services. The rule is being amended to include any person or entity that advertises electrical contracting services among those that are considered to be acting or attempting to act as an electrical contractor requiring a license.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: None.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to IDAPA 04.11.01.811, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because of the simple nature of the proposed rule change.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator - Operations, (208) 332-8986.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before August 27, 2008.

DATED this 3rd day of July, 2008.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PENDING RULE

015. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

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01. Qualifications for Electrical Contractor. (4-7-91)

a. On and after July 1, 2008, except as hereinafter provided, any person, partnership, company, firm, association, or corporation shall be eligible to apply for an electrical contractor license upon the following requirements: (4-2-08)

i. Applicant shall have at least one (1) full-time employee who holds a valid master electrician license issued by the Electrical Bureau. Licensed electrical contractors who are current and active prior to July 1, 2008, shall not be required to have a master electrician as the supervising electrician until a new supervising electrician is designated. A master electrician license will be required for a new supervising electrician designated after July 1, 2008. (4-2-08)

ii. The master electrician shall be designated the supervising electrician and shall be available during working hours to carry out the duties of supervising, as set forth herein, and who will be responsible for supervision of electrical installations made by said company, firm, association, or corporation as provided by Section 54-1010, Idaho Code. (4-2-08)

iii. An individual electrical contractor may act as his own supervising master electrician upon the condition that he holds a valid master electrician license. (4-2-08)

iv. Applicant must pass a contractor examination administered by the Bureau or its designee. Any applicant which purports to be a non-individual (such as, corporation, partnership, company, firm, or association), must designate in writing an individual to represent the partnership, company, etc., for examination purposes. Any such designee shall be a full-time supervisory employee and may not represent any other applicant for an electrical contractor's license. (4-2-08)

v. Applicant shall provide proof of liability insurance to the Bureau in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from an insurance company licensed to do business in the state of Idaho. The liability insurance shall be in effect for the duration of the applicant's contractor licensing period. (4-2-08)

vi. Applicant shall provide to the Bureau proof of Idaho's worker's compensation insurance unless specifically exempt from Idaho law. Bureau will provide written confirmation of exemption status. (4-2-08)

b. Any person designated under Paragraph 015.01.a. of these rules, and the contractor he represents, shall each notify the Bureau in writing if the supervising master's working relationship with the contractor has been terminated. Each notice must be filed with the Bureau within ten (10) days of the date of termination. If the supervising master's relationship with the contractor is terminated, the contractor's license is void within ninety (90) days unless another supervising master is qualified by the Bureau. (4-2-08)

02. Required Signatures on Application. An application for an electrical contractor license shall be signed by the applicant or by the official representative of the partnership, company, firm, association, or corporation making the application. The application shall be countersigned by the supervising master electrician. (4-2-08)

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03. Electrical Contracting Work Defined. An electrical contractor license issued by the Division of Building Safety must be obtained prior to acting or attempting to act as an electrical contractor in Idaho. (4-5-00)

a. Electrical contracting work includes electrical maintenance or repair work, in addition to new electrical installations, unless such work is expressly exempted by Section 54-1016, Idaho Code. (4-5-00)

b. Any person or entity ~~providing~~ performing or offering to ~~provide~~ perform electrical contracting services, including, but not limited to, advertising or submitting a bid shall be considered as acting or attempting to act as an electrical contractor and shall be required to be licensed. For the purposes of Section 015, advertising shall include, but not be limited to: newspaper, telephone directory, community flier ads or notices, telephone, television, radio, internet, business card, or door-to-door solicitations. (4-5-00)()

c. Any person or entity, not otherwise exempt, who performs or offers to perform electrical contracting work, is acting as an electrical contractor, whether or not any compensation is received. (4-5-00)

d. Registered general contractors who submit a bid on a multi-trade construction project that includes a licensed electrical contractor's pricing shall not be considered to be acting or attempting to act as an electrical contractor. ()

04. Previous Revocation. Any applicant for an electrical contractor license who has previously had his electrical contractor license revoked for cause, as provided by Section 54-1009, Idaho Code, shall be considered as unfit and unqualified to receive a new electrical contractor license so long as such cause for revocation is continuing and of such nature that correction can be made by the applicant. (1-14-87)

05. Reviving an Expired License. Any applicant for an electrical contractor license who has allowed his license to expire and seeks to revive it under the provisions of Section 54-1013, Idaho Code, may be denied a license as unfit and unqualified if, while operating under the license prior to expiration, he violates any of the laws or rules applicable to electrical contractors. (4-1-91)

06. Qualification and Duties for Supervising Journeyman or Master. (4-2-08)

a. A master electrician shall not be considered as qualified to countersign an electrical contractor license application as the supervising master, nor shall said application be approved if he does countersign said application as the supervising master, if said master has had his Idaho electrical contractor license revoked for cause under Section 54-1009, Idaho Code. (4-2-08)

b. A supervising master shall not countersign for more than one (1) contractor. (4-2-08)

c. A journeyman who is a full time employee of a company, corporation, firm or association with an industrial account may sign as supervising journeyman for that industrial

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account in addition to signing as supervising journeyman for his own contractor's license so long as the journeyman is listed as the owner and complies with the provisions of Paragraphs 015.01.a. and 015.01.b. of these rules (7-1-97)

d. Duties include: assuring that all electrical work substantially complies with the National Electrical Code and other electrical installation laws and rules of the state, and that proper electrical safety procedures are followed; assuring that all electrical labels, permits, and licenses required to perform electrical work are used; assuring compliance with correction notices issued by the Bureau. (4-2-08)

07. Failure to Correct Defects in Electrical Installations. If a master countersigns an electrical contractor license application pursuant to Subsection 015.03 of these rules and thereafter willfully fails to correct defects in electrical installations he made or supervised, and such defects are within his power to correct and are not the fault of the contractor, then the Electrical Bureau shall have the power to suspend or revoke said master's license pursuant to Section 54-1009, Idaho Code. (4-2-08)

08. Overcharging of Fees. It shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of an electrical contractor license if he charges and collects from the property owner an electrical permit or inspection fee which is higher than the fee actually in effect at the time of such charging and collection, pursuant to the current Electrical Laws and Rules of the Division of Building Safety, Electrical Bureau, and the fee remitted by the contractor to the Bureau is less than the fee actually charged and collected by him. (4-6-83)

09. Termination of Supervising Master or Contractor Designee. (4-2-08)

a. Any person designated under Paragraph 015.09.a. of these rules, and the contractor he represents, shall each notify the Bureau in writing if the supervising master's working relationship with the contractor has been terminated. Each notice must be filed with the Bureau within ten (10) days of the date of termination. If the supervising master's relationship with the contractor is terminated, the contractor's license is void within ninety (90) days unless another supervising journeyman is qualified by the Bureau. (4-2-08)

b. Any person designated under Paragraph 015.09.a. of these rules, and the contractor he represents, shall each notify the Bureau in writing if the designee's working relationship with the contractor has been terminated. Each notice must be filed with the Bureau within ten (10) days of the date of termination. If the designee's relationship with the contractor is terminated, the contractor's license is void within ninety (90) days unless another duly qualified designee passes the electrical contractor's examination on behalf of the contractor. (9-1-94)