

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 105.4, the Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board hereby amends Chapter 29, “Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board—Application, Licensure, and Examination,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of these amendments is to relieve the burden of sitting for examination from a licensee who has allowed a license(s) to lapse for more than 60 days but not more than 365 days. These amendments also set forth the late fee and renewal fee that will be due when a licensee renews a license(s). The amendments also identify two options for license renewal for a licensee who has allowed a license(s) to lapse for more than one year: (1) sitting for the appropriate examination and paying the renewal fee, or (2) retaking all continuing education courses and paying the renewal fee.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on March 21, 2012, as **ARC 0043C**. A total of 90 comments were received during the public comment period. Ten comments were in favor of the amendments as proposed; 65 comments were opposed to the amendments. The remaining comments included 2 mixed comments that were in favor of part of the amendments and against the one-year reinstatement options. Five comments addressed issues not related to the proposed amendments. Six comments were unclear whether they were in favor of or opposed to the proposed amendments. The remaining 2 comments were personal in nature, occurred during the public hearing, and did not relate to the proposed amendments. These amendments are identical to the amendments published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board adopted these amendments on August 21, 2012.

After analysis and review of this rule making, it has been determined that these amendments will have a positive impact on jobs. By paying late fees, a licensee will be assured of a timely renewal of a license in lieu of delays caused by sitting for and passing an examination.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 105.20.

These amendments will become effective November 7, 2012.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Rescind paragraph **29.7(2)“c”** and adopt the following new paragraph in lieu thereof:

c. A licensee who allows a license to lapse for more than 60 days but not more than 365 days may reinstate and renew the license without examination upon payment of a \$100 late fee and the appropriate renewal of license fee as defined in 641—subrule 28.1(3).

ITEM 2. Adopt the following new paragraph **29.7(2)“d”**:

d. A licensee who allows a license to lapse for more than one year may reinstate and renew the license by either of the following means:

(1) Retaking and successfully passing the applicable licensing examination and paying the appropriate renewal fee as defined in 641—subrule 28.1(3), or

(2) Retaking and successfully completing all continuing education requirements as set forth in rule 641—30.2(105) and paying the appropriate renewal fee as defined in 641—subrule 28.1(3).

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