

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Labor State Plumbing Board

Water Supply Protection Specialists Recertification Requirements (LAC 46:LV.1003)

The Louisiana State Plumbing Board (board), pursuant to R.S. 37:1366(I), which authorizes the board to establish and determine by rule minimum requirements relative to continuing professional development for the renewal or reinstatement of any license or special endorsement issued by the board, proposes to amend the plumbing regulations, LAC 46:LV.1003, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The proposed Rule change allows the board to accept proof of attendance at a board-approved industry related recertification program compliant with the guidelines of the American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE) series 5000/5110 Professional Qualification Standards or its equivalent, effective upon final publication in the Louisiana Register.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LV. Plumbers

Chapter 10. Continuing Professional Education Programs

§1003 Water Supply Protection Specialists Recertification Requirements

A. Effective January 1, 2015, in addition to the yearly renewal of their endorsement, every three years all persons holding a water supply protection specialist endorsement issued by the Louisiana State Plumbing Board are required to show proof of attendance at a board-approved industry related recertification program compliant with the guidelines of the American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE) series 5000/5110 Professional Qualification Standards or its equivalent as defined in §310(D). Such recertification shall satisfy the endorsee's obligation to maintain continuing professional education relative to a water supply protection specialist endorsement, but shall not diminish or affect endorsee's obligation to fulfill continuing professional education requirements for journeyman or master plumbing licenses or medical gas installer or verifier endorsements, if applicable.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366(I).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, State Plumbing Board, LR 30:2071 (September 2004), amended LR 37:905 (March 2011), LR 37:2441 (August 2011), amended by the State Plumbing Board, LR 41:

All currently stated rules of the board, unless amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

Family Impact Statement

1. Estimated effect on the stability of the family? There is no estimated effect on the stability of the family.

2. Estimated effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children? There is no estimated effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.

3. Estimated effect on the functioning of the family? There is no estimated effect on the functioning of the family.

4. Estimated effect on family earnings and family budget? There is no estimated effect on family earnings and family budget.

5. Estimated effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children? There is no estimated effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children.

6. Estimated effect on the ability of the family or a local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule? There is no estimated effect on the ability of the family or a local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed amended Rule will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Impact Statement

The proposed amended Rule will have no adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed amended Rule is not anticipated to have any impact on providers of services funded by the state as described in HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Public Comments

Any interested person may submit written comments regarding the content of this proposed Rule change to John Barker, Executive Director, 12497 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, no later than 5:00 p.m., February 20, 2015.

John Barker

Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Water Supply Protection Specialists Recertification Requirements

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There are no implementation costs to State or local governmental units. The proposed amendment to the rule seeks to clarify the language regarding the recertification of Water Supply Protection Specialist endorsement by referring licensees to the American Society of Sanitation Engineers (ASSE) standards rather than those of the Louisiana State Plumbing Board (LSPB). LSPB has always followed ASSE qualification standards and guidelines. However, the LSPB would publish the ASSE guidelines only to rewrite and republish the standards when ASSE made any alterations. Due to the proposed rule change, rather than consistently republishing alterations, LSPB can direct members to the ASSE as their primary source for information. A Water Supply Protection Specialist is the only endorsement that allows for the testing and repair of water backflow prevention equipment. This endorsement is not necessary to obtain a plumbing license in Louisiana.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There is no estimated cost or economic benefit for affected persons resulting from the proposed amendment to this rule. It simply clarifies the continuing training and recertification that

will be acceptable for maintaining a specific endorsement to a plumbing license.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT
(Summary)

The proposed rule will have no effect on competition and employment.

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