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LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Electrical Examiners of the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing, 900 West Capitol Avenue, suite 400, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.**

The public hearing will be conducted for the purpose of accepting public comment on proposed amendments to the administrative rules of the Board of Electrical Examiners. First, the rules would be amended as follows: 1) add the licensing fee waiver requirement of Act 725 of 2021; 2) automatic licensure of uniformed service members pursuant to Act 135 of 2021; 3) eliminate the grace period for acquiring continuing education hours; 4) create a lifetime journeyman license for qualifying individuals sixty-five years of age and older pursuant to Act 720 of 2021; 5) provide a temporary license for certain construction projects pursuant to Act 476 of 2017; 6) replace the Screening Committee with the Chief Electrical Inspector for processing exam applications; 7) recognize the special endorsement for a Specialist Sign Electrician's license pursuant to Act 766 of 2017; 8) reflect the current fee charged by a third-party testing service which does not exceed the statutory limit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00); 9) amend the rules to comply with Act 748 of 2021 and Act 990 of 2019 regarding pre-licensure criminal background checks and waiver requests; and 10) eliminate the requirement to retake the examination if the licensee fails to renew their license within a year after the expiration of the license. Finally, an amendment to update the state electrical code from the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Code to the 2020 edition of the National Electrical Code. Other amendments of the rules involve grammar and stylistic changes as a result of government transformation.

Written comment will be accepted through Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. by the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing at the above address. A copy of the proposed amendments may be obtained by calling the Code Enforcement Section at (501)682-4547. A copy of proposed amendments can also be accessed on the Department of Labor's website at:

<http://www.labor.arkansas.gov/news/proposed-rule-making/>

or the Secretary of State's website at:

http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/rules_and_regs/index.php/rules/search/new

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