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PUBLIC NOTICE

Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board intends to amend its Sprinkler Rule. The proposed rule exempts from the Board's licensure requirements all firms and individuals performing a fire protection sprinkler system project for a residence (NFPA 13D system) if the project meets certain requirements. Amends the Board's license reinstatement provision to comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 17-1-107. Clarifies the provisions of the Arkansas Fire Protection Code and the National Fire Protection Association standards adopted by the Board. In compliance with Act 1011, amends reciprocity requirements and adds a provision to license applicants from states without a similar license. Simplifies the requirements for an inspector license, and "grandfathers in" individuals who obtained an inspector license on or before the rule's effective date. Lowers some fees. Changes tag size. Lowers the passing score for the examinations from 90% to 80%, except for the fitter exam passing score that will remain 70%. Amends and clarifies the duties of a firm RME, a fitter, and an inspector. Amends tagging requirements. Limits a firm's branch office(s) to locations that share the same name and same tax identification number as the original firm.

The proposed rule is available on our website at: www.arfireprotection.org

The Commission will accept comments on the proposed rule from December 6, 2020 to January 5, 2021.

Please send comments to:

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