

Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board
Administrative Rules Committee Meeting
November 15, 2011
Notes

Present: Susan Salsman, Chuck Thomas, Denny Molden, Ron Masters, Matt Oetker, September Lau & Mary Swinehart

Absent: Brita Van Horne

Re exam when license expires:

The committee felt there are inequity with other trades. Our board's task is to "enhance public safety". Continuing education and discipline should be used where there were bad things happening.

Denny Molden commented: put yourself in that person's shoes, they have a lot invested in companies and because they have this deadline that they somehow don't meet, that they should be set before the board to take another exam that they don't need. In the meantime we are taking away their livelihood. They should be able to renew with a gradual increase in fees up to a certain amount. Something other than the \$60 and it should stop at some point.

The Electrical group allows 91 days then are required to test per statute.

Comment was made that the test is too difficult with not enough time to take. Those that have current continuing education should be given credit.

Retesting has been removed from statute as of August 25, 2009.

The committee would like to see retesting removed from Rules 28.1(5) c and 29.7(2) c. At 61 days they will no longer be able to practice.

Rule 28.1(5) c: A licensee who allows a license to lapse for more than 60 days is required to retake and pass the applicable licensing examination and pay the appropriate renewal of license fee in order to obtain reinstatement. A licensee whose license has lapsed continues to hold the privilege of licensure in Iowa, but may not work as a plumbing or mechanical professional or contractor in Iowa until the license is renewed. A licensee who works as a plumbing or mechanical professional, including under a special restricted license, works as a geothermal heat pump installer, or operates as a contractor in the state of Iowa with a lapsed license may be subject to disciplinary action by the board, injunctive action pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 105, criminal sanctions pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 105, and other available legal remedies.

Rule 29.7(2) c: A licensee who allows a license to lapse for more than 60 days is required to retake and pass the applicable licensing examination and pay the appropriate renewal of license fee as defined in 641—subrule 28.1(5) in order to obtain reinstatement and renewal of that person's license.

Adjournment at 2:45 p.m.