

Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Minnesota Board of Electricity

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Satellite System Installer Continuing Education and Satellite System Installer Certification Programs, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 3800; Governor's Tracking Number AR 2020; Revisor's ID Number R-4131

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Board of Electricity requests comments on its possible amendments to rules governing Satellite System Installer Continuing Education and Satellite System Installer Certification Programs. The Board is considering rule amendments for a new type of electrical license called Satellite System Installer.

Laws of Minnesota for 2012, Chapter 262 created a new type of Electrical License called Satellite System Installer. Initial applicants for the new license must present certification to the department that they have completed the National Standards and Testing Program sponsored by the Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association of America (SBCAA) or other program approved by the board. The new applicants for Satellite System Installer licenses must also pass an examination administered by the Commissioner. The new law also provides that once licensed, but prior to renewal of the license, a Satellite System Installer, must obtain four hours of continuing education under rules adopted by the Board of Electricity.

Therefore, to carry out the out the new law regarding Satellite System Installers the Board of Electricity needs to adopt rules in two primary subject areas. First, the Board needs to adopt rules regarding approval of alternate or additional Certification programs to the National Standards and Testing Program sponsored by the Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association of America (SBCAA) Program. Second, The Board needs to adopt rules establishing requirements for the continuing education necessary for renewal of Satellite System Installer Licenses in addition to the 4 hours during the term of a license as directly set forth in the new law. Additionally, the rules may address other items relating to the licensure, continuing education, and registration of persons who perform electrical work.

Persons Affected. The amendments to the rules would likely affect electrical contractors , master and journeymen electricians; electrical installers, electrical equipment suppliers, manufacturers and suppliers of Satellite Broadcast Communication Systems, consumers of Satellite Broadcast Communication Systems, Satellite System Installers and contractors , power limited technicians, code enforcement authorities, employers of persons who perform electrical work, persons who wish to perform electrical work, Engineers, residential and commercial building contractors, and building owners.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 326B.32 Subdivision 2, clause (5) provides the Board of Electricity with general rulemaking authority regarding the licensure and registration electrical businesses, electrical contractors, various types of electricians and other persons who perform electrical work. Laws of Minnesota for 2012, Chapter 262, Section 5 provides the Board of Electricity with specific statutory authority for Satellite System Installer Continuing Education, effective October 1, 2012.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing or orally until 4:30 p.m. on Friday December 28, 2012. The Board of Electricity will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. The Board of Electricity does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

The Board requests any information pertaining to whether the rules rule might require local government to adopt or amend an ordinance or other regulation under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.128, and whether any local government has such an ordinance and, if so, would provide a copy to the Board.

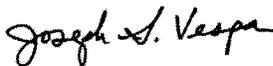
The Board requests any information pertaining to the cumulative effect of this rule with other federal and state regulations related to the specific purposes of these rules as described. Cumulative Effect means the impact that results from incremental impact of the proposed rule in addition to other rules, regardless of what state or federal agency has adopted the other rules.

Rules Drafts. A draft of the rule amendments is being compiled. When a draft is available it will be posted on the rulemaking docket located at <http://www.dli.mn.gov/Boe.asp> Either before or at the time the Board has approved a draft, the draft and other information about the rulemaking will be posted on the Department of Labor and Industry rulemaking docket. The Board does anticipate that a draft of the rules will be available before the publication of the proposed rules.

Agency Contact Person. Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Kelli Peters at Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road N. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155, Phone # (651) 284-5006 and *email* dli.rules@state.mn.us or FAX # 651 284-5725. TTY users may call the Board of Electricity at TTY phone # (651) 297-4198.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.



Joseph Vespa, Chair
Minnesota Board of Electricity

Dated: 10/16/12