

COMMENTS ON LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT

Clearinghouse Rule No. 09-028
Rule No.: Chapter Comm 5
Relating to: Licensing of Electricians

1. Statutory Authority

Sections Comm 5.42 (2) (b) and 5.42 (3) (c) 1. and 2. under the proposed rules deal with the issue of supervision relative to department's duties under s. 101.82 (1r), Stats., and pertains to job site supervision. The electrical wiring work of both beginning electricians and journeymen electricians still is the responsibility of a master electrician as required by s. 101.862 (3), Stats.

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. The electrical contractor license is issued to a business. Similar to other business credentials under chapter Comm 5, e.g. HVAC contractor, s. Comm 5.70, there are no other qualifications to obtain the license.

b. The department prefers the term "the" to be consistent with the wording throughout chapter Comm 5.

c. The procedures for a credential renewal are covered under s. Comm 5.07; the ability to "apply" for renewal is specifically mentioned under s. Comm 5.07 (2) (a).

4. Adequacy of References to Related Statutes, Rules and Forms

b. The electrical contractor license is issued to a business. Similar to other business credentials under chapter Comm 5, e.g. HVAC contractor, s. Comm 5.70; there are no other qualifications such as the fulfillment of educational obligations to obtain the license.

c. Such a note currently exists under s. Comm 5.01 for all credentials.

d. Section Comm 5.09 (7) (c) references Table 5.02 which is consistent throughout chapter Comm 5.

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

c. There may be more than one master electrician involved in an electric wiring installation project, but only one of the master electrician is responsible for the work and the utilization of the appropriately licensed individuals performing the work.

e. The procedures for a credential renewal are covered under s. Comm 5.07; the ability to "apply" for renewal is specifically mentioned under s. Comm 5.07 (2) (a).