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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

MAR NOTICE NO. 2025-136.2

Summary

Implementation of House Bills 246, 414, and 497 pertaining to rules of the State Electrical Board

Previous Notice(s) and Hearing Information

On November 21, 2025, the State Electrical Board (agency) published MAR Notice No. 2025-136.1 regarding the public hearing on the proposed changes to the agency's rules, in the 2025 Montana Administrative Register, Issue No. 22.

On December 17, 2025, a public hearing was held on the proposed changes to the rules via the videoconference and telephonic platform. Comments were received by the comment deadline.

Final Rulemaking Action – Effective February 7, 2026

ADOPT AS PROPOSED

The agency has adopted the following rule as proposed:

NEW RULE 1 (24.141.508) SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY

AMEND AS PROPOSED

The agency has amended the following rules as proposed:

24.141.301 DEFINITIONS

24.141.502 PROVISIONAL LICENSE

24.141.2102 CONTINUING EDUCATION

24.141.2405 PANEL MEMBERS

REPEAL

The agency has repealed the following rule as proposed:

24.141.504 LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY OR ENDORSEMENT

Statement of Reasons

The agency has considered the comments and testimony received. A summary of the comments received, and the agency's responses are as follows:

Comment 1: A commenter generally supports the proposed rule changes but does not agree with NEW RULE 1. The commenter does not agree with the substantial equivalency legislation and stated that true substantial equivalency should be based on reciprocity.

Response 1: The board appreciates the commenter's general support for the proposed rule changes. To implement House Bill 246 passed by the 2025 Montana Legislature and further the endorsement licensing process, the board compared current licensure standards of the fifty United States for board licensees and determined those that are substantially equivalent per the definition in 37-1-302, MCA.

Comment 2: A commenter generally supports the proposed rule changes and especially highlighted the amendments to ARM 24.141.2102(6). The commenter stated that the amendment will serve as a positive incentive to recruit and retain apprenticeship program instructors.

Response 2: The board appreciates the commenter's support.

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