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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301-4951

January 17, 2024

Mechanical Licensing Board
c/o Office of Professional Licensure & Certification
7 Eagle Square
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Waiver Deadline for Filing Conditional Approval Response for INT 2024-14

Dear Board Members:

In a letter dated January 16, 2025, Chantell B. Wheeler, Rules Administrator for the Office of Professional Licensure & Certification, requested a waiver on behalf of the Mechanical Licensing Board (Board) of the deadline for filing a conditional approval response to proposed rule INT 2024-13. The proposal contains the adoption of interim rules Mec 604.01, and Mec 604.02, to update the definition of "plumbing apprentice". Pursuant to RSA 541-A:19, VIII(b), the deadline for submission of the response is seven days following the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting after receiving conditional approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR or Committee). The JLCAR conditionally approved the proposed rules at their December 17, 2024, meeting, and the Board met on January 14, 2025, establishing a response deadline of January 21, 2025.

As provided by RSA 541-A:40, IV, the Director of the Office of Legislative Services has the authority to waive, for good cause shown, any deadline contained in RSA 541-A after consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the JLCAR. Ms. Wheeler's letter indicates the Board inadvertently voted to adopt the rules in question rather than vote to approve the conditional approval response. Ms. Wheeler, who is working remotely and part time while recovering from surgery, was not in attendance to catch the error. The request indicates OPLC will present the conditional approval response to the Board at their next scheduled meeting, February 11, 2025. Absent a waiver, the rulemaking proceeding would be considered terminated after January 21, 2025, and the Board would have to begin another rulemaking proceeding.

Committee staff consulted with the JLCAR Chair and Vice-Chair and agree that good cause exists for waiving the January 21, 2025, filing deadline. The waiver is hereby granted, with a new deadline of February 14, 2025.

If you have any questions relative to the conditional approval or the response, please contact Director Douglas J. Osterhoudt, Esq. in Administrative Rules at 603-271-3680.

Very truly yours,


James C. Vara, Esq.
Director

DJA/MAM
cc: Chantell B. Wheeler, Rules Administrator, OPLC

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