

7. An explanation of why the interim rule is necessary, including documentary evidence to prove that the agency is acting in accordance with RSA 541-A:19, I, and is not adopting an interim rule solely to avoid the time periods imposed in RSA 541-A. If the rules are being proposed to implement a state statute for the first time, identify the statute and/or relevant session law being implemented pursuant to RSA 541-A:19, I(a).

“Plumbing apprentice” is defined in RSA 153:27, XV, as amended pursuant to 2024, 284:1, effective September 24, 2024, which allows a master plumber to employ up to 2 apprentices per licensee and removes the requirement for master plumbers to register apprentice plumbers in an apprenticeship program pursuant to RSA 278.

The Mechanical Licensing Board (Board) proposes to readopt with amendment Mec 604.01 on misconduct as an interim rule pursuant to RSA 541-A:19, I(a) to implement amendments to RSA 153:27, XV to include plumbing apprentices who are not registered in an approved apprenticeship program pursuant to RSA 278.

The Board proposes to readopt with amendment Mec 605.02 on limiting the number of apprentices as an interim rule pursuant to RSA 541-A:19, I(a), to implement amendments to RSA 153:27, XV, to allow master plumbers to supervise a maximum of 2 apprentices who are not registered in a program pursuant to RSA 278.

8. A description of the people, enterprises, and government agencies affected by the rule.

Licensed plumbers and individuals seeking plumbing apprenticeships are affected by the proposed rule.

9. Agency form(s) as required by RSA 541-A:19, IV-a which this rule incorporates by reference or whose requirements are set forth in the rule pursuant to RSA 541-A:19-b.

Not applicable.

10. The fiscal impact statement prepared by the Legislative Budget Assistant, if required by RSA 541-A:19, II. See Section 3.2 of Chapter 3 of the Drafting and Procedure Manual for Administrative Rules.

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