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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No. 309 Department or Agency Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board

Rule No. 720-X-4-.01

Rule Title: Forms, Requirements, and Fee Schedule

New Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?

YES

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?

NO

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?

NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?

YES-indirectly
minor

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?

NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?

YES

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?

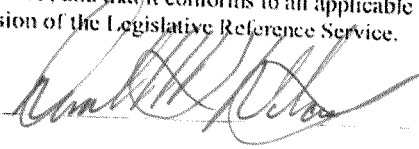
YES

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer



Date 9/12/2013

(DATE FILED)
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State of Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters
Examining Board

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board

RULE NO. & TITLE: 720-x-4-.01 Forms, Requirements, and Fee Schedule

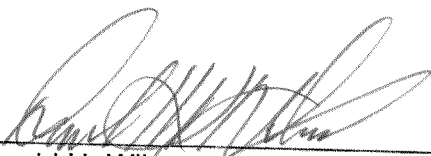
INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board proposes to amend rule 720-x-4-.01 of Alabama Code 34-37.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed action of rule 720-x-4-.01 would list new forms, requirements for testing and adjust the fee schedule.

TIME. PLACE. MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Comments, both written and oral, will be accepted. A public hearing will be held on October 24, 2013, 3:00 pm, at the Plumbers and Gas Fitters Board office, 11 West Oxmoor, suite 104, Birmingham, AL 35209. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm on October 23, 2013.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: November 4, 2013

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ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR APA RULE
(Section 41-22-23(f))

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This rule has no economic impact.

This rule has an economic impact, as explained below:

1. NEED/EXPECTED BENEFIT OF RULE:
To recover the cost incurred by the Board for testing, certifying, and insuring compliance within the plumbing, gas, and medical gas industries and allow the Board to retain sufficient resources in the various regulatory and consumer protection programs.
2. COSTS/BENEFITS OF RULE AND WHY RULE IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND FEASIBLE MEANS FOR ALLOCATING RESOURCES AND ACHIEVING THE STATED PURPOSE:
Increases in fees allow the Board to provide for adequate funding of testing, certifying, and compliance within the plumbing, gas, and medical gas industries as well as the consumer protection programs. Collection of additional fees shall be in the same manner as existing fees. No additional resources will be expended by the Board for collection of fee increases.
3. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COMPETITION:
The rule change should have no negative effect on competition. The fees are uniformly applied.
4. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COST-OF-LIVING AND DOING BUSINESS IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:
The fee increase is minimal and should have minimal, if any, effect on cost-of-living. The fee increase should have very little impact on business.

5. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:
The fee increase is minimal and should have no negative effect on employment in Alabama.

 6. SOURCE OF REVENUE TO BE USED FOR IMPLEMENTING AND ENFORCING THIS RULE:
Board funds will be used to implement the enforcement of the rule change .

 7. THE SHORT-TERM/LONG-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS RULE ON AFFECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF PERSONS WHO WILL BEAR THE COSTS AND THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE RULE:
The short and long term economic impact is negligible when compared to the enhanced ability of the Board to better serve the licensees and offer consumer protection and education programs.

 8. UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTIMATED BENEFITS AND BURDENS OF THE RULE, INCLUDING QUALITATIVE/QUANTITATIVE BENEFITS AND BURDEN COMPARISON:
The economic burden to business is negligible as compared to the benefits received by the Board's enhanced ability to offer year-round testing and a more comprehensive consumer protection, outreach, and education programs.

 9. THE EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH:
The environment and public health will see a positive effect because of the Board's ability to better ensure health and welfare by ensuring compliance of individuals installing and maintaining the public water supply and sewer collection systems.

 10. DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT IMPLEMENTED:
The Board's ability to successfully ensure compliance is directly effected by it's ability to collect fees. The safety of the state's drinking water and sewage collection systems is paramount to the Board's mission. The health and welfare of the public along with the health of the state's environment are tied to the ability of the Board to accomplish this mission. The inability of the Board to adequately perform this mission would be detrimental to the environment and public health.
- **Additional pages may be used if needed.

State of Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board

Proposed Rule Change

720-x-4-.01

720-x-4-.01 Forms, Requirements, and Fee Schedule. The following forms shall be available in the Board-Office office as well as on the Board website:

1. ~~Master Plumber and/or Gas Fitter Registration~~ Information Update Form
2. Application for Examination
3. Application for Waiver of Annual Penalties and Fees
4. Apprentice Registration
5. Complaint Form
6. Application for Temporary Revocable Certification as a Journeyman Plumber or Journeyman Gas Fitter
7. Application for Inactive Status
8. Contractor Bond Form
9. Proof of Citizenship or Lawful Presence of Non-Citizen Forms
10. Replacement Card Request

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Renewal</u> Fees	<u>Non-Refundable</u> Exam Fees
Apprentice	\$25.00 (Initial w/Registration) -\$10.00 \$25.00 (Annually)	
No Written Exam Required. Complete Registration Form and include a copy of Social Security Card <u>Proof of Citizenship or Lawful Presence of Non-Citizen Forms</u> .		
Journeyman Plumber	\$30.00 \$50.00	\$110.00
Requires 2 yr. Registration as Apprentice or completed Board Approved Apprentice Training Program to take required Written Exam <u>exam</u> .		
Journeyman Gas Fitter	\$30.00 \$50.00	\$110.00
Requires 2 yr. Registration as Apprentice or completed Board Approved Apprentice Training Program to take required Written Exam <u>exam</u> .		
Temporary	\$15.00 \$25.00 (one time charge)	
Journeyman Plumber Or Gas Fitter		
Requires approved application and <u>current</u> out of state Journeyman/ <u>Master license/certification</u> and expires 10 work days after date of exam.		

Master Plumber

~~\$125.00~~ \$150.00

\$160.00

Requires one-yr. Certification as Journeyman Plumber to take required ~~Written Exam~~ exam

Master Gas Fitter

~~\$125.00~~ \$150.00

\$160.00

Requires one-yr. Certification as Journeyman Gas Fitter to take required ~~Written Exam~~ exam.

Medical Gas

~~\$10.00~~ \$25.00

Requires current certification from National Institute of Testing & Certification

Replacement Card

~~\$5.00~~ \$25.00

Lost, misplaced or damaged cards can be replaced; a written statement consisting of the Replacement Card Request Form and ~~\$5.00~~ \$25.00 will be required from the card holder.

Replacement cards requested for non-receipt of initial cards issued will also require a written statement, and \$5.00 from the card holder.

No charge will be assessed in this instance. There will be a 30-day waiting period from the initial issue date before replacement cards will be provided in this instance.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: Amended Rule

Certified: