

Notice Number 2023-63

Rule Number Mec 605.02

1. Agency Name & Address: Mechanical Licensing Board c/o Office of Professional Licensure & Certification 7 Eagle Square Concord, NH 03301	2. RSA Authority: <u>RSA 153:28, I(a)(9)</u> 3. Federal Authority: <u>n/a</u> 4. Type of Action: Adoption _____ Repeal _____ Readoption _____ Readoption w/amendment <u>X</u>
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5. Short Title: **Limitation on Number of Apprentice Plumbers**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments:

The existing rule Saf-Mec 605.02 describes the limitation on the number of apprentices to licensed plumbers and is being readopted with amendment and renumbered as Mec 605.02 to limit the number of apprentice plumbers to 1 per licensee. The amendment removes the existing allowance of one apprentice per licensee if there are between one and 5 licensees at a company and the existing allowance, if there are more than 5 licensees, of one additional apprentice for each 3 licensees.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

The groups affected by these rules are licensed plumbers, plumbing apprentices, companies employing plumbers and apprentices, and the general public.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Specific State Statute the Rule Implements
Mec 605.02	RSA 153:27-a, II(a), (b); RSA 153:29-a, I; RSA 278

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **Monday, April 24, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

Fax

E-mail

Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**

Place: **Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
7 Eagle Square
Concord, NH 03301**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS # 23:047 , dated 2/24/2023

1. **Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):**
There is no difference in costs when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules.
2. **Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:**
No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.
3. **Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):**
 - A. **To State general or State special funds:**
None
 - B. **To State citizens and political subdivisions:**
None
 - C. **To independently owned businesses:**
None

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

This rule does not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution. This rule does not mandate or assign this program to any political subdivision in any way.