

WSR 24-21-018

EMERGENCY RULES

BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: To delay [extend] the effective date for [WSR 24-12-053] National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) licensing requirements in the 2021 International Fire Code Section 904 and WAC 51-54A-0904. Editorial corrections are also made to clarify code language.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 51-54A-0904.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 19.27.031.

Other Authority: RCW 19.27.074.

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds that immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.

Reasons for this Finding: The requirement for NICET licensing will leave the Washington workforce without enough personnel to complete required work on existing automatic fire extinguishing systems. The delay will allow for additional personnel to attain licensure; it will also allow for the state building code council to develop rules that meet the need for qualified persons conducting work under appropriate licenses.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: September 30, 2024.

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