

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Electrical Contractors Licensing Board

General Information

Meeting Type: General Board Meeting

Meeting Date: March 20-21, 2003 Crown Plaza Hotel, Tampa, FL

Board Members: Michelle Poole, Chair
Clarence Tibbs, Vice Chair
Arnaldo Abreu
Pierre Bellemare
Kimberly DeBerry
Jeffrey Kiner
Roger Langer
Norman Mugford
Lewis Roberts
Paul Sandefer
Rae Small

Other Attendees: Anthony Spivey, Executive Director
Gregory Spence, Government Analyst
Gail Scott-Hill, Prosecuting Attorney
Rosanna Catalano, Assistant Attorney General

Major Issues/Actions

- □The board discussed Section 489.5335, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which covers the use of Journeyman on job sites. The board is of the opinion that Section 489.503, F.S., may exempt this group from being required to obtain a license to work in this trade since Journeyman are considered employees of the electrical contractor they work for. Section 489.503 exempts employees of electrical contractors from having to obtain a license to do electrical work as long as they are working directly for the contractor employing them. The Assistant Attorney General will review the issue and report back to the board with her findings at the next meeting scheduled for May.
- □The board was advised of the change in personnel working the unlicensed activity program for the department. The board is appreciative of the efforts thus far from the unlicensed activity office and would like to see the efforts continued.
- □The board discussed again the employee leasing companies providing services to the electrical contractors throughout the state. The board

would like to have an additional article on the web site educating the contractors of how to determine if a company is truly a licensed employee leasing company with the State of Florida.

The article will detail what type of license to look for that designates a licensed Employee Leasing Company in the State of Florida.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- □ The board discussed the possibilities of having background checks done on prospective electrical and alarm contractors in the same manner as is currently done for the burglar and fire alarm agents that work for the contractors. The board feels that by doing the background checks, any criminal history that was not reported on the application by the individual will surface from the background check. The legislative committee will present draft language for a proposed statute at its next meeting scheduled for May.
- □ The board granted a variance of Rule 61G6-9.001 to Mr. Dominic Pipa, Jr. regarding the number of hours of continuing education courses required for re-activating an inactive license. Currently the rule requires 12 classroom hours of approved continuing education courses for each year the license has been inactive. Mr. Pipa successfully argued that the rule is excessive in its requirements that it places a burden on an individual that has had his or her license inactive for a number of years. The board voted to re-write the rule to require 12 classroom hours for each year of inactivity not to exceed 48 hours or four years. One requirement of the new rule is the licensee must have taken the continuing education courses within the preceding four years of re-activating the license. This is to ensure the licensee has taken current courses prior to reactivating the license. Board counsel will present a draft rule for review at the May meeting.

Action Required

- Prepare a letter of thanks to the Independent Electrical Contractors of Florida (IEC) for its reception to the board.
- Contact Contractors Exam School advising that the information regarding renewal dates for licensees (August 31, 2003) is incorrect. The deadline date for renewal is August 31, 2004.

Anthony B. Spivey
Executive Director
March 26, 2003