

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25701

This statutory amendment proposal changes the name of "specialty contractors," "specialty journeyman," and "specialty trainees" to "limited electrical contractors," "limited electrical installers," and "limited electrical trainees." It also allows Limited Energy contractors to make connections to their equipment. This clarifies that the work being performed by the holders of these licenses are limited and restricted in nature. The Division of Building Safety (DBS) has realized that many people generally believe that a holder of a "special" license is allowed to perform work beyond the scope of the traditional journeyman electrician and master electrician. In reality, a "special" license holder is actually limited in the scope of electrical work they may perform to only those specific types of installations for which they hold the specialty license. This makes it clear to persons hiring these license holders that the installations they are able to perform are limited in nature. It would also allow Limited Energy license holders to make connections to their equipment.

FISCAL NOTE

The majority of this proposal only changes the name of a "specialty" contractor or electrician to a "limited electrical" contractor or installer. Very little within the chapter as it relates to the regulation or administration of that type of license changes; and consequently, there is not expected to be any fiscal impact to the DBS or the electrical industry. The one area in which a substantive modification to the scope of work of the specialty/limited license category does occur is expected to result in a positive impact to the specialty/limited energy contractors who will now be able to make certain restricted connections to panels that they were required to have electrical contractors perform previously.

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