



# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

## CR-103P (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.360)

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DATE: June 30, 2020

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WSR 20-14-083

**Agency:** Department of Labor & Industries (L&I)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

- 31 days after filing.
- Other (specify) October 29, 2020 (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes
  - No
- If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** The purpose of this rulemaking order is to delay the effective date of the electrical rules adopted under Washington State Register (WSR) 20-11-053 on May 19, 2020. Due to the evolving public health emergency caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, L&I is delaying the implementation of the new electrical rules, until October 29, 2020.

L&I's Electrical Program reviewed the existing rules and new safety codes from the 2020 edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 70, the National Electrical Code (NEC) to update rules for consistency with the national safety standards and to consider other rule changes.

Washington's electrical stakeholders were invited to participate in the review of the existing rules, submit proposals for changes to the rules, and provide recommendations to the department on possible rule changes. The state's Electrical Board reviewed proposals and provided advice to the department on adoption of the rules.

This rulemaking will adopt changes to the new safety codes, update and clarify existing rules, make housekeeping and other rule changes identified during the review process and recommended by stakeholders, a Technical Advisory Committee, and the state's Electrical Board to improve public safety.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

- New: None.
- Repealed: WAC 296-46B-553
- Amended: WAC 296-46B-010, 296-46B-100, 296-46B-110, 296-46B-210, 296-46B-220, 296-46B-225, 296-46B-250, 296-46B-334, 296-46B-555, 296-46B-705, 296-46B-901, 296-46B-906, 296-46B-908, 296-46B-915, 296-46B-920, 296-46B-925, 296-46B-935, 296-46B-940, 296-46B-970, 296-46B-971, and 296-46B-990.
- Suspended: None.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** Chapter 19.28 RCW, Electricians and Electrical Installations including RCW 19.28.031 and RCW 19.28.251

**Other authority:** None.

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 20-07-126 on March 18, 2020 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**

New	___	Amended	<u>21</u>	Repealed	<u>1</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	___	Amended	<u>21</u>	Repealed	<u>1</u>
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	<u>21</u>	Repealed	<u>1</u>

**Date Adopted:** June 30, 2020

**Name:** Joel Sacks

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**

