

Mechanical Inspectors

Code Compliance Alert 17-003

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Unlicensed Activities

After one of our recent educational events, a Mechanical Contractor asked what could be done about the fact that an unlicensed person was performing work using his Contractor's license.

If you are aware of someone performing work without the required license, or violating any other provision of the Skilled Trades Regulation Act (Act 407 of 2016), then you should file a formal complaint. Complaints must be made in writing using the complaint form provided on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) website, and may be sent by letter or email. Complaints will be handled in the order received, and priority will be given to complaints where it appears the situation is life threatening or circumstances exist which might be hazardous to the public.

Article 5 of Act 407, titled "Complaints, Investigations, and Administrative Proceedings", states that upon receipt of a complaint, the Department (LARA) shall immediately begin an investigation and provide written acknowledgment of the complaint to the person that made the complaint within 15 days.

Section 601 of Act 407 states that "a person shall not engage in or attempt to engage in the practice of an occupation regulated under this act or use a title designated in this act unless the person possesses a license issued by the department for the occupation." A person who violates this provision is subject to the following penalties:

- 1st violation is a misdemeanor, with a fine of not more than \$500 and/or imprisonment for no more than 90 days.
- 2nd violation is a misdemeanor, with a fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for no more than 1 year.
- 3rd violation is a felony, with a fine of not more than \$25,000 and/or imprisonment for no more than 5 years.

Correspondence regarding electrical, mechanical, or plumbing licensee complaints should be mailed to:

Bureau of Construction Codes
Office of Administrative Services
P.O. Box 30254
Lansing, MI 48909

Email: lara-bcc-complaints@michigan.gov
(517) 241-9309

For complaints against residential builders and/or maintenance and alteration contractors, contact the Corporations, Securities, and Commercial Licensing Bureau at (517) 241-9202 (complaints) or bcsinfo@michigan.gov.

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