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## Attention all HVAC/R license Holders

To: All HVAC/R Contractors and Interested Parties

From: Alan Dean, Chairman HVAC/R Board  
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Subject: Changes related to Act 746 of 2025 and related rule changes for license holders

During the recent legislative session, changes were enacted to the HVAC/R program with the passage of Act 746 of 2025. Additionally, an internal audit review has required the Board to make additional rule changes to the program.

Act 746 of 2025:

A.C.A § 17-28-101(1), A.C.A 17-28-203 (a) (Board of Electrical Examiners) has repealed the HVAC/R Electrician License. This license will no longer be necessary to install or connect electrical connections to HVAC/R Equipment.

A.C.A § 17-28-102(c1) Any holder of a state-issued heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration, or HVACR, license may run line voltage power wiring in compliance with the state electric code from a disconnect box to an outdoor HVACR unit within a distance not to exceed **seventy-five (75')** feet from any point of the HVACR equipment without obtaining an electrician's license as required by this chapter. All installations shall be required to meet all adopted electrical codes and be subject to any local permitting and inspection requirements by the state or local jurisdiction.

A.C.A § 17-33-101(8) Concerning definitions pertaining to HVACR workers, is amended to read as follows: "HVACR gas fitting work" means gas fitting work for the purpose of supplying an HVACR system and shall be limited to installing **seventy-five feet (75')** or less final of gas piping connection to a heating unit from an existing, accessible manual safety shutoff gas cock, installing flue gas vents and combustion air for the HVACR system. All installations shall be required to meet all adopted Plumbing and Arkansas Fuel Gas Codes and be subject to any local permitting and inspection requirements by the state or local jurisdiction.

Arkansas Code § 17-33-303 Repeals the Class C license for HVAC/R. All current active HVAC/R Class C licenses will be grandfathered to a class B license. The Class B license is now allowed to perform work of HVAC/R equipment up to 25 tons. Additionally, the act clarifies that HVAC/R registrants are the responsibility of the responsible class holder for their registration cards and work.

Act 746 of 2025 amends the law concerning Continuing Education Hours from the current 4 hours required annually to 8 hours per published International Code Council (ICC) International Mechanical Code (IMC) code cycle.

Act 746 amends the late fee and testing requirements for expired licenses. The new requirement requires any class holder's expired license to be assessed a \$10.00 monthly late fee plus any additional past due license fees for 36 months. After 36 months, the applicant shall be required to pay all past due fees, penalties and judgements and **must** retake the exam for their license class to be reinstated.

The Act empowers the Board to assess penalties to a maximum of \$1000.00 per violation of the IMC or the HVAC/R statutes and rules. All penalties may be assessed on a per day, per violation basis.

The HVAC/R Board has completed an internal audit review of all statutory and business processes. Based on that review the Board will now be required to end their deferment of license program. All licenses currently in deferment will be activated to expire at their normal expiration date.

The HVAC/R Board will clarify rules that if a class holder is employed by a contractor, business that performs work on their equipment, school or supply company, they will not be responsible to provide individual liability insurance coverage. They will be required to provide a letter from their employer stating they are insured and employed with that business.

While final rules are being refined and approved, the statutes and this document will be used for enforcement guidance.

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