

**SUMMARY OF PORPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF  
THE HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION  
LICENSING BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND LICENSING**

August 20, 2019

The proposed amendments to the rules of the HVAC/R Board would accomplish the following:

1. Revises organizational names as needed. 2019 Ark. Acts 910;
2. Replaces the term “regulations” with “rules.” 2019 Ark. Acts 315;
3. Revises definitions to include a definition of “substantially similar license.” *See* 2019 Ark. Acts 426;
4. Revises the general licensing requirements to clarify that criminal background checks are not required, and that apprenticeship, education, or training is not a condition of licensure;
5. Revises the provisions regarding proof of experience to be least restrictive;
6. Adds a provision on temporary or provisional licensing to comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 17-1-108. 2019 Ark. Acts 426 and 1011;
7. Adds a provision regarding disqualification for criminal offenses to comply with 2019 Ark. Acts 990. This provision provides that the board may grant a waiver in certain circumstances, although criminal background checks are not authorized. Further, the board may inquire about criminal convictions at the time of application or renewal. Providing false information to the board may result in license denial, suspension or revocation;
8. Revises the provision on reciprocity to comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 17-1-107. 2019 Ark. Acts 426 and 1011; and
9. Adds a provision to provide for automatic licensure of active duty service members, returning military veterans and their spouses. 2019 Ark. Acts 820.