

New Changes at the Contractors' Registration Board

Consumer Improvements:

- Allows residential units in excess of four to use the Boards Dispute Resolution Process.
- List of Revoked or Suspended contractors to be published quarterly.
- Interest penalty can now be assessed on outstanding final orders issued by the Board at 12%.
- Consumer education material will now be required to be presented to consumers for any contract. (Right of recession, mechanics lien, registration number, use of the Contractors' Registration Board Dispute Resolution Process.)
- Written contracts are required for work over \$1,000 as of October 1, 2006 and consumer needs to initial receipt of the consumer educational information.
- On-Line Claim filing from our web site will now be permitted.
- Fines at hearing can now be assessed at the value of the contract.
- More information regarding claims will be accessible from the Boards web site. Now will include all notices of hearings.

- Extended the time period to file claims from one to two years, provided contractor was made aware of problem within the one year time frame.
- Allows the Board to lien contractor's property.
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- Allows Board to assess monetary fine up to \$1,000 for out of state service of final orders.

Contractor Changes:

- Increases insurance requirements from \$300,000 to \$500,000.
- Increases fines substantially from \$500 to up to \$5,000 for the first offense for performing work without the proper registration, or hiring subcontractors without proper registration.
- Requires written contracts over \$1,000.
- Increases fines for falsified information and not providing mechanic lien or consumer notice information.
- Penalty for contractors who are not Licensed but Registered who uses word License in advertising subject to fine for each offense as a secondary offense in connection with a final order.

- Affidavit signed subject to penalty regarding application for registration as to whether applicant was previously registered.
- Allows monetary award be issued when deposits are taken by contractor and no services performed or materials delivered.
- On-Line Renewals and Registrations are now possible.
- Three time offenders of Final Orders may now be prosecuted as Felony.