

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

In order to accurately predict the impact the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation will have on small businesses, the promulgating authority must conduct a thorough analysis that not only considers the potential effects of the action but also quantifies the costs, if any, associated with each. The questions below are designed to aid promulgating authorities in conducting their analysis.

Agency submitting regulation: Building Code Standards Committee

Subject matter of regulation: SBC-5 Rhode Island Electrical Code

ERLID Number: 7739 (Supersedes 6515)

Statutory authority: 23-27.3-100

Other agencies affected:

None

Other regulations that may duplicate or conflict with the regulation:

None

Describe the scope and objectives of the regulation:

To have a State Building Code Standards Committee who shall adopt, promulgate, and administer a state building code for the purpose of regulating the design, construction, and use of buildings or structures previously erected, in accordance with the rehabilitation building and fire code for existing buildings and structures developed pursuant to chapter 29.1 of this title, and to make any amendments to them as they, from time to time, deem necessary or desirable, the building code to include any code, rule or regulation incorporated in the code by reference.

What was the rationale for establishing this regulation?

A state building code for Rhode Island is necessary to establish adequate and uniform regulations governing the construction and alteration of buildings and structures within the state.

Does the rationale still exist?

Yes

Is the rationale still relevant?

Yes

Business industry(ies) affected by the regulation:

Potential impact on any small business that would be doing renovation or new construction that would be required to follow the requirements of the State Electrical Code.

Types of businesses included in the industry(ies):

Potential impact on any small business that would be doing renovation or new construction that would be required to follow the requirements of the State Electrical Code.
Unknown

Total number of small businesses included in the regulated industry(ies)

Potential impact on any small business that would be doing renovation or new construction that would be required to follow the requirements of the State Electrical Code.

Number of small businesses potentially subject to the proposed regulation:

Unable to decipher

How often do small businesses contact your agency for assistance with clarification of the regulation and/or receive assistance with compliance issues?

Unable to decipher

What is the cost to your agency of establishing and enforcing this regulation?

No cost to agency

What would the consequences be if the regulation did not exist?

Codes would not be regulated in a uniform manner

Effective date used in cost estimate:

None

	Yes	No	<i>*Note: For each question, please answer “yes” or “no” and offer a brief explanation. Please describe any facts, data, views, arguments, or other input from small businesses, organizations or any other sources that were used to quantify the impacts outlined below.</i>
1.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
2.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
3.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
4.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
5.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
6.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?
7.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are performance standards more appropriate than design standards?
8.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities?
9.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation have the effect of creating additional taxes and/or fees for small businesses?
10.	Yes	No	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?

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11.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in RI?
12.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in RI?
13.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
14.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
15.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can the compliance or reporting requirements be consolidated or simplified for small businesses?
16.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards?
17.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?
18.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Have any small businesses or small business organizations been contacted during the preparation of this document? If so, please describe. The Building Code Standards Electrical Sub-Committee which is made up of Building Officials, Electrical Inspectors and small business owners. All interested parties will be afforded the opportunity to comment during the public hearing.