

## 527 CMR 12.00: 2014 MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRICAL CODE (AMENDMENTS)

The 2014 Massachusetts Electrical Code (527 CMR 12.00) of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations shall be the 2014 National Electrical Code (National Fire Protection Association) (NFPA 70) modified as follows:

Insert the following provisions ahead of the body of the Code:

**Rule 1.** All installations, repairs and maintenance of electrical wiring and electrical fixtures used for light, heat, power, signaling and communications purposes in buildings and structures subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 143 shall be reasonably safe to persons and property.

**Rule 2.** Conformity of installations, repairs, and maintenance of electrical wiring and electrical fixtures used for light, heat, power, signaling and communications with applicable regulations set forth in the Code, which is hereby filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall be considered as complying with these requirements.

**Rule 3.** Additions or modifications to an existing installation shall be made in accordance with this Code without bringing the remaining part of the installation into compliance with the requirements of this Code. The installation shall not create a violation of this Code, nor shall it increase the magnitude of an existing violation.

**Rule 4.** Where an actual hazard exists, the owner of the property shall be notified in writing by the authority enforcing this Code. The notification shall contain specifications of the actual hazard that exists, together with a reference to the rule of this Code that is now in violation. (See M.G.L. c. 166, §§ 32 and 33, for enforcement authority.)

**Rule 5.** References are made in this code to other standards. Those standards, where duly adopted by law or regulation, may be enforced by the appropriate official. They are not considered part of this Code and they are not enforceable under M.G.L. c. 143 § 3L. For Massachusetts Building Code references, see Appendix A.

**Rule 6.** The approving authority may be guided in his approval of specific items of equipment and materials contemplated

by the Code, by proof that such equipment and materials have been tested and conform to suitable recognized industry standards

**Rule 7.** 527 CMR 12.00 shall be effective on all installations for which a permit has been granted subsequent to December 31, 2013. For installations governed by permits issued after November 1, 2013 and before January 1, 2011, the applicable code shall be the version of 527 CMR 12.00 in effect on November 1, 2013.

**Rule 8.** In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 143 § 3L, the permit application form to provide notice of installation of wiring shall be uniform throughout the Commonwealth, and applications shall be filed on the prescribed form. After a permit application has been accepted by an Inspector of Wires appointed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166 §32, an electrical permit shall be issued to the person, firm or corporation stated on the permit application. Such entity shall be responsible for the notification of completion of the work as required in MGL 143 §3L. Permits shall be limited as to the time of ongoing construction activity, and may be deemed by the Inspector of Wires abandoned and invalid if he or she has determined that the authorized work has not commenced or has not progressed during the preceding 12-month period. Upon written application, an extension of time for completion of work shall be permitted for reasonable cause. A permit shall be terminated upon the written request of either the owner or the installing entity stated on the permit application.

**Rule 9.** Installations covered by 527 CMR 12.00 shall also comply with M.G.L. c. 141.

**Rule 10.** Electrical installations shall not be concealed or covered from view until inspected by the inspector of wires within and not more than 24 hours for exterior excavations nor more than 72 hours for interior installations after proper notice to the inspector, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excluded.