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RECENT PROPOSED CHANGE TO SPRINKLER RULES CONCERNING EXTENSION OF RME-I LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

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The Texas Department of Insurance sent a proposed change of the Fire Sprinkler Rules section §34.716(c) to the Texas Register. This proposal is expected to be printed in the December 14, 2007, issue of the Texas Register. Currently the inspection, test and maintenance service of a fire protection sprinkler system, except for a one- and two-family dwelling or an underground fire main, must be performed by an individual holding a current RME-General Inspector or RME-General license beginning January 1, 2008. This change would extend the date from January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2009. These proposed rules are being posted for 30 days for public comment. After that time, they MAY OR MAY NOT be adopted, based on the comments received. Directions for submitting comments are outlined in the proposal. The Commissioner has received numerous comments during the past several months. Those who previously submitted comments will not have to submit them again.

After December 14, 2007, you can read the proposal in the Texas Register. Go to <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml> and click on either "pdf" or "html" to the right side of "Current Issue (December 14, 2007)." Note: It WON'T be there until after December 14.

OR

You can read the proposal now, as it was sent to the Texas Register, at the TDI Web site: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/rules/2007/parules.html>. Click on the blue underlined "34.716, 34.726" in the box to the right of "Fire Sprinkler Rules" with a "proposal filed" date of 12-3-07.