

The Iowa General Assembly enacted statutory language in 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 197, which authorizes and requires the State Fire Marshal to establish a certification program for alarm system contractors and installers. The existing Fire Extinguishing System Contractors Advisory Board was charged with advising the State Fire Marshal on the development of the alarm system certification program. Additional members were added to the Advisory Board, bringing its voting membership to 11 and its total membership to 13, and the Board was renamed the Fire Extinguishing System Contractors and Alarm Systems Advisory Board.

The rules proposed herein were recommended to the State Fire Marshal by the Advisory Board. The proposed rules would establish categories of certification, indicated by endorsements on the certificates issued. The endorsements represent variations in the level of work authorized and specify the types of alarm systems on which certificate holders are authorized to work. The proposed rules also provide for administrative procedures for the program, definitions of terms used in the rules, criteria for responsible managing employees of certified alarm system contractors, certification requirements for contractors, contractor application procedures and fees, installer certification requirements, installer application processes and fees, complaints and discipline against certificate holders, and civil penalties.