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Homeowners' Consumer Protection Bond Proposed, Bidders' Preference Fees To Be Reduced

The Nevada State Contractors Board will finalize its recommendation on Dec. 15 to amend Chapter 624 of the Nevada Administrative Code, concerning the establishment of a consumer protection bond for residential pool and spa contractors.

The proposed regulation will comply with provisions of Senate Bill 434, which was enacted by the 2005 Legislature, as an additional protection for homeowners. The new legislation is supported by the Nevada swimming pool and spa industry. The bill established the bond to protect consumers from damage caused by failure of a pool contractor to perform satisfactory work on a contract, or to remove liens filed against a property in the construction of a residential pool or spa. It also protects a consumer who is injured by any unlawful act or omission of the contractor in the performance of a contract.

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Also, the Board will pursue reducing contractors' bidder preference fees for a certificate of eligibility from \$700 to \$500 and the renewal cost from \$400 to \$300.

A certificate of eligibility allows a contractor to receive a preference in bidding on public works projects in the state of Nevada. An applicant must hold an active contractor's license in Nevada, and submit executed affidavits as proof of eligibility. For a copy of the application, go to: **www.nscb.state.nv.us**

Both the adoption and long-term effects of implementing these changes should be beneficial to homeowners and contractors.

Upon adoption of the changes, the Board will submit a copy of the regulations to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for review by the Legislative Commission, or the Joint Interim Committee. The new regulations will become effective after approval of the Legislative Commission and then filed with the Secretary of State.

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