

# **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**

**TO: ALL PERSONS WHO HOLD ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LICENSES  
IN ALABAMA**

**FROM: THE ALABAMA BOARD OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS**

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The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors (the Board) has experienced a rise in the number of incidents where licensees are “selling” or “lending” their licenses or their license numbers to non-licensed persons to allow the non-licensee to illegally pull permits and/or perform electrical contracting without a license. Not only does this harm the public who is unknowingly hiring non-licensed persons, but it harms all law-abiding licensees in the state. To allow a non-licensee to use your license is a fraud upon the local governments that issue the permits, a fraud upon the Board that issued the license, and a fraud upon the public who hires the non-licensee. There can be serious consequences against both the licensee and the non-licensee, including criminal prosecution, in some cases.

Ala. Code §34-36-15 states:

*“Electrical contracting involves activities affecting the public interest and the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Such activities, when engaged in by a person who is not licensed, are a public nuisance and harmful to the public health, safety, and welfare. The board or the district attorney of the circuit where such nuisance exists may bring a petition to restrain and enjoin such unlicensed practice in the district court of the county where such unlicensed person resides....”*

Replacing or hanging light fixtures and/or ceiling fans, installation of bathroom lighting, building lighting, swimming pool lighting and checking electrical circuits **are all electrical contracting under the law of Alabama** (see Ala. Code §34-36-3 (4)) and unlicensed persons are **NOT** authorized to perform these services without the proper license from our Board. (see Ala. Code 34-36-13). **As a licensee of this Board, it is your duty and responsibility to follow the laws of electrical contracting in this state.**

The Board is issuing this statement to all licensees to **IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST from allowing anyone to use your license that is not a W2 employee of the company affiliated with your license.**

The Board has voted that if a licensee allows a non-licensee to use his/her license to evade the law, **the licensee will be fined \$1,000 per violation and up to \$5,000.00 per complaint. In addition, the licensee's license will be placed on probation for one year.**

If a licensee continues to allow a license to be used illegally, the Board will place your license on **suspension, which means that you may not work as an electrical contractor in this state,** pending an administrative hearing held at the Board's offices in Montgomery, after which the Board may vote to revoke your license to practice electrical contracting. The hearing may be scheduled several months in the future from the violation, depending on the Board's agenda. You may be held responsible for the cost of the hearing, which includes a court reporter's fees, as well as the Board's legal and investigative fees.