

### NEW RULES FOR ALL LOCKSMITHS

At the beginning of 2012, three new rules became effective for locksmiths in North Carolina.

- ◆ The first rule change is relatively minor. 21 NCAC Rule 29.0503 was amended to remove some protections which were deemed to be redundant.
- ◆ The second change is to Rule 29.0405. It eliminates exemptions for ALOA examinations, in light of our new NCLLB North Carolina -specific examination.
- ◆ The biggest change was to Rule .0802 Requirements for Renewal. The purpose of this Rule change is to allow more experienced locksmiths with a successful track record to continue to practice without requiring ongoing education. It enables these more senior members of the profession to train a new generation of locksmiths who can continue their businesses.

**New Rule:** Persons who meet ALL of the following eligibility requirements no longer are required to earn Continuing Education Units for renewal:

- 1) 62 years of age, and
- 2) 15 years' experience as a locksmith, and
- 3) Licensed by the North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board (NCLLB) for 9 years, and
- 4) Not being investigated by the NCLLB.

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#### According to NCLLB Statistics there are:

- ◆ 78 Apprentices
- ◆ 691 Licensees
- ◆ 45 Licensees who have NOT renewed since 1/1/2012

### HB 889: AMEND LOCKSMITH LICENSING ACT

This bill was introduced during the legislative long session by Representatives Collins, Burr, Lewis and Steen. We are hopeful that it will be heard during this short session.

The bill increases the penalties for unauthorized possession of

locksmith tools, expands the definition of locksmith services, and increases licensing fees. It also gives the Board the power to subpoena records of businesses believed to be operating against the law. This last provision is crafted to address the recent scams we

have seen in the state who are illegally operating in the state.

The bill was introduced last year and referred to the House Finance Committee. We are hopeful it will pass during the next several weeks while the General Assembly is in session.

## N.C. LOCKSMITH LICENSING BOARD

### NEW DEADLINE FOR LICENSE RENEWAL CONSIDERED

Presently all NCLLB license renewals have to be submitted to the Raleigh office 90 days before the license expires. The Board is considering changing the timeframe for submission to 30 days prior to the expiration of the license.



*What do you think?*

Watch the newsletter for more information as this proposal is discussed by the Board.

We're on the web!  
[ncllocksmithboard.org](http://ncllocksmithboard.org)



**Remember . . . when renewing your yellow page ads and all other advertising don't forget to list your license number!**

## DON'T WAIT TO GET YOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION!

The Board does not host or sponsor continuing education. All Continuing Education sponsors are third-party providers, so registration for classes is based on the individual sponsor's requirements. **Continuing Education should be completed 90 days before your three-year renewal deadline.**

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, you can complete the form on our website: <http://www.ncllocksmithboard.org/wp-content/uploads/ContEd2012.pdf>

## SEND US YOUR ARTICLES!

This is your newsletter! The Board would like to make this newsletter quarterly, but we need information from you to make that possible. What do you want to read about? Is there something you've learned about that you want to share with your fellow locksmiths? Send us your ideas, your articles, and your feedback about this newsletter and tell us what you think! Email: [barden@recanc.com](mailto:barden@recanc.com).

### NEW STUDY GUIDE AVAILABLE

NCLLB is now offering for sale a newly-revised study guide to help prepare applicants for the NC Locksmith Licensing Exam. This new Study Guide is more comprehensive and updated than the previous Study Guide that had been used since the inception of the Board. It is designed to complement the new "In-House" licensing exam that the NCLLB recently created. As a reminder, we no longer outsource our licensing exam.

To order a copy of the new Study Guide, contact the NCLLB office. Cost is \$25.00.



### NC Locksmith Association meeting dates:

- ◆ August 10-11, 2012: Charlotte
- ◆ November 9-10, 2012: Cary

Examination dates correspond with the NCLA meetings: August 10 in Charlotte and November 9 in Cary.

### NCLLB Website Has Downloads for These Forms and MORE:

- \* Renewal application
- \* Continuing Education credits
- \* Apprentice applications
- \* License examinations



## N.C. LOCKSMITH LICENSING BOARD

The licensing board oversees the more than 700 licensed locksmiths in our state. Members are appointed to the Board.

The purpose of the Locksmith Licensing Act and the language creating the Board is contained in Chapter 74F of the N.C. General Statutes: Locksmiths have the knowledge and tools to bypass or neutralize security devices in vehicles, homes, and businesses. The laws of this State do not protect citizens from the unscrupulous use and abuse of this knowledge and these tools by persons who are untrained or have criminal intent. Therefore, the licensing of locksmiths is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

## *YOU HOLD THE KEYS - STOP LOCKSMITH SCAMS!*

Do you know of people in your area who are providing locksmith services unethically or without a license? Have you been harmed by these scammers? The NCLLB is working to build court cases against these illegal operations. If you have to re-do work for a customer who has been harmed, try to get copies of receipts and take pictures of shoddy work if possible. Encourage the customer to file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office. Successful prosecution often results in restitution for the victim. Finally, encourage customers to report to their local Better Business Bureau. A complaint may prompt the company to



resolve the issue. Also, a complaint serves as a warning to others not to patronize the business.

- ◆ **NC Attorney General's Office**  
**919-716-6025/877-566-7226**
- ◆ **Better Business Bureau**  
**www.bbb.org**
- ◆ **NCLLB 919-838-8782**

## Message from the NCLA

Hello from the NC Locksmith Association.!

If you are not a member currently, please consider the following. I would like to invite you to join either during the August meeting (in Charlotte), or at the November meeting (in Raleigh). Dues will be prorated for August/November depending on when you join. Then you will receive a 50% discount off the annual membership dues (\$220) in February for your first year of membership

One of the benefits of being a member is a free accidental death or dismemberment (\$2500) insurance policy. Another is the free education you will receive to meet your continuing education needs. But probably most important is the friendships you will develop with other locksmiths, and the networking of expertise that you can call on when you come across an unexpected problem.

Some of the classes we have had recently are high security automotive key generation, safe servicing, access control, lock by-pass methods, eeprom reading/cloning, and simple troubleshooting .

As president, I strongly encourage you to come by and check us out. I think you will be pleasantly surprised at what you find. I believe our association is one the best in the country.

Ralph Fuller, NC Lic #0002  
NCLA President

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**WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR MEETINGS!**

If you are interested in attending a stated NCLLB meeting, we welcome your attendance. This would be an opportunity for you to voice your thoughts, and get to meet the members of the NCLLB. You could witness first-hand how our meetings are conducted. Just go to the NCLLB website, or call the Raleigh office to get the details of our next meeting on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Burlington.

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