

<u>NOTE</u>: This circular contains an incorrect class entry for "Cable Laying [For House Or Service Connections Only - By] <u>With Automatic Equipment</u> (Ditchwitch) - By Specialist Contractor", which **should** be Code 661. A circular advising of this correction will be issued shortly.

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To All Members of the Bureau:

Re: <u>MANUAL REVISIONS</u> <u>CODE 617, GAS, STEAM OR WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION</u> <u>CODE 661, ELECTRICAL WIRING - WITHIN BUILDINGS</u> <u>EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1999</u>

The Bureau has filed and the Insurance Commissioner approved Manual revisions to Code 617, Gas, Steam or Water Main Construction, and Code 661, Electrical Wiring - Within Buildings, to become effective as of 12:01 a.m., April 1, 1999 with respect to new and renewal business only. These revisions are a result of a study of Codes 617 and 661 which were undertaken to review the feasibility of creating a new, separate classification for conduit construction to comply with practices in most other states and to consider development of a single classification assignment for specialist contractors performing either cable laying with automatic equipment or engaged in the installation or replacement of cable in existing conduit. The result of the study was the finding that a separate class for conduit construction was <u>NOT</u> feasible, as there was no significant statistical difference in data. However, the study did indicate the need for a single classification to replace the overlap for cable laying.

The revised Manual language is shown below with deleted wording bracketed and new wording underlined.

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