Question	Answer
1. Board Name	ODNR Division of Mineral Resources Management
2. Point of Contact	Nathan Moffitt; nathan.moffitt@dnr.ohio.gov; 614-265-6836
3. Describe the board's primary purpose, goals and objectives, and licenses issued.	The ODNR Division of Mineral Resources Management is charged with regulating surface and underground mining operations and mine safety programs across the state. They issue multiple types of occupational certifications and licenses to help support their mission, which includes the mine electrician certification. As per 30 CFR Pt. 75.153 and Pt. 77.103, anyone doing electrical work in underground or surface coal mines, must be a qualified mine electrician approved by the Secretary of Labor, or his or her designee. Ohio has an MOU with the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to provide this certification. Authority to administer examinations is granted under 1561.13 (E), authority to issue certificates is granted under 1561.23(A)(9) with fees set under 1561.14 (A).
4. Describe the board's annual workload. How many staff are employed?	The Division of Mineral Resources Management has 92 full-time employees and 4 part-time employees. Certifications are issued by the staff in the Mine Safety program, which has 3 management employees and 14 bargaining unit staff. They are primarily responsible for inspecting and auditing Ohio's mines for safety issues and conducting safety training for 4000-5000 miners and mine site contractors per year. One component of their work is to conduct examinations and the Chief of the division issues the certifications.
5. How many new licenses does the board issue annually? How many renewed licenses are issued annually? How much does a new license cost? How much does a renewal cost?	10-12 certifications are issued annually. 100-120 certifications are renewed annually. Initial certification costs $10.00. There is no cost for renewal.
6. In the past 5 years, has there been any consideration to lower the licensure cost?	No.
7. How much revenue is procured from the licensure fees? What does this revenue fund?	$100.00-$120.00 per year is deposited in the mining regulation and safety fund and is used to support the division's regulatory and mine safety operations.
8. Are there any federal regulations, or regulations required to be met outside of the existing licensure requirements that have to be complied with?	30 CFR Pt. 75.153 and Pt.77.103 require qualified electricians approved by the Secretary of Labor or his or her designee (the Chief of the Division of Mineral Resources Management). Federal law does require the state to regulate the occupation if they have a qualification program. Ohio has no direct state disciplinary

Does federal law require the board to be renewed in some form?	authority as this is a federal certification. Ohio has an MOU with MSHA to provide federally approved testing for this certification.
9. Does the board issue an examination prior to licensure? Does the board issue continuing education courses? If so, how often is continuing education necessary? If the examination or continuing education requirements are done outside the board then what determines the selection of an outside organization to host it?	The Division of Mineral Resources Management creates the exam. Both the exam and administrator are selected by the Secretary of Labor or his or her designee. Fees are $10.00 for underground and $10.00 for surface mining. Individuals must get recertified annually.
10. How many other states regulate the occupation or occupations under the board's jurisdiction? Is a license required to engage in that occupation or those occupations in other states?	All coal producing states are required to have certified mine electricians as this is a federal requirement.
11. Has the operation of the board inhibited economic growth, reduced efficiency, or increased the cost of government?	No, but there has been a decrease in individuals seeking this certification due to the downturn in the coal industry.
12. Are there any licenses that are no longer issued by the board?	This certification is still offered. Others are not.
13. Is there anything that the board would like to see changed or implemented in regards to occupational licensing within the scope of this legislative review?	No.
14. Has the board recommended statutory changes to the general assembly that would benefit the public as opposed to the persons regulated by the board, if any, and have those recommendations and other policies been adopted and implemented?	No.
15. Is the preservation of the board and the board's licenses	Yes. This regulation seeks to prevent electrical related injuries and fatalities.

necessary to protect the public's health, safety, or welfare?	
16. Could the public be protected or served in an alternate or less restrictive manner? If applicable, please identify any licenses or functions of the board that could be eliminated or consolidated.	This is a federal requirement under 30 CFR 75.153 and 77.103.
17. Any additional notes or comments the board believes the committee should be aware of?	Since this law was enacted, incidents have been drastically reduced. There are no other ways to prevent this harm.