

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 1998
CHAPTER 439

The **general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 125** to read as follows:

125. ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS. NO CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE SHALL ISSUE A BUILDING PERMIT WITHOUT OBTAINING FROM THE PERMIT APPLICANT EITHER:

1. PROOF DULY SUBSCRIBED THAT WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND DISABILITY BENEFITS COVERAGE ISSUED BY AN INSURANCE CARRIER IN A FORM SATISFACTORY TO THE CHAIR OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION FIFTY-SEVEN OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW IS EFFECTIVE; OR

2. AN AFFIDAVIT THAT SUCH PERMIT APPLICANT HAS NOT ENGAGED AN EMPLOYER OR ANY EMPLOYEES AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN SECTION TWO OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW TO PERFORM WORK RELATING TO SUCH BUILDING PERMIT.

Implementing Section 125 of the General Municipal Law

1. General Contractors -- Business Owners and Certain Homeowners

For **businesses and certain homeowners listed as the general contractors on building permits**, proof that they are in compliance with Section 57 of the Workers' Compensation Law (WCL) is **ONE** of the following forms that indicate that they are:

- ◆ insured (C-105.2 or U-26.3),
- ◆ self-insured (SI-12), or
- ◆ are exempt (CE-200),

under the mandatory coverage provisions of the WCL. Any residence that is not a **1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence** is considered a business (income or potential income property) and must prove compliance by filing one of the above forms.

2. Owner-occupied Residences

For homeowners of a **1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence**, proof of their exemption from the mandatory coverage provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law when applying for a building permit is to file form BP-1 (12/08).

- ◆ Form BP-1 shall be filed if the homeowner of a **1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence** is listed as the general contractor on the building permit, and the homeowner:
 - ◇ is performing all the work for which the building permit was issued him/herself,
 - ◇ is not hiring, paying or compensating in any way, the individual(s) that is(are) performing all the work for which the building permit was issued or helping the homeowner perform such work, or
 - ◇ has a homeowner's insurance policy that is currently in effect and covers the property for which the building permit was issued AND the homeowner is hiring or paying individuals a total of less than 40 hours per week (aggregate hours for all paid individuals on the jobsite) for the work for which the building permit was issued.
- ◆ If the homeowner of a **1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence** is hiring or paying individuals a total of **40 hours or MORE** in any week (aggregate hours for all paid individuals on the jobsite) for the work for which the building permit was issued, then the homeowner may not file the "Affidavit of Exemption" form, BP-1(12/08), but shall either:
 - ◇ acquire appropriate workers' compensation coverage and provide appropriate proof of that coverage on forms approved by the Chair of the NYS Workers' Compensation Board to the government entity issuing the building permit (the C-105.2 or U-26.3 form), OR
 - ◇ have the general contractor, (performing the work on the 1, 2, 3 or 4 family, **owner-occupied** residence (including condominiums) listed on the building permit) provide appropriate proof of workers' compensation coverage, or proof of exemption from that coverage on forms approved by the Chair of the NYS Workers' Compensation Board to the government entity issuing the building permit.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW §57

To comply with coverage provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law ("WCL"), businesses must:

- A) be legally exempt from obtaining workers' compensation insurance coverage; or
- B) obtain such coverage from insurance carriers; or
- C) be a Board-approved self-insured employer or participate in an authorized group self-insured plan.

To assist State and municipal entities in enforcing WCL Section 57, businesses requesting permits or seeking to enter into contracts **MUST provide ONE** of the following forms to the government entity issuing the permit or entering into a contract:

- A) **CE-200**, Certificate of Attestation For New York Entities With No Employees And Certain Out Of State Entities, That New York State Workers' Compensation And/Or Disability Benefits Insurance Coverage Is Not Required;

Starting December 1, 2008, Form CE-200 can be filled out electronically on the Board's website, www.wcb.state.ny.us, under the heading "Forms." Applicants filing electronically are able to print a finished Form CE-200 immediately upon completion of the electronic application. Applicants without access to a computer may obtain a paper application for the CE-200 by writing or visiting the Customer Service Center at any District Office of the Workers' Compensation Board. Applicants using the manual process may wait up to four weeks before receiving a CE-200. Once the applicant receives the CE-200, the applicant can then submit that CE-200 to the government agency from which he/she is getting the permit, license or contract.

OR

- B) **C-105.2** – Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance (the business's insurance carrier will send this form to the government entity upon request) **PLEASE NOTE:** The State Insurance Fund provides its own version of this form, the U-26.3; **OR**

- C) **SI-12** – Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance (the business calls the Board's Self-Insurance Office at 518-402-0247, **OR** **GSI-105.2** – Certificate of Participation in Worker's Compensation Group Self-Insurance (the business's Group Self-Insurance Administrator will send this form to the government entity upon request).

DISABILITY BENEFITS REQUIREMENTS UNDER WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW §220(8)

To comply with coverage provisions of the WCL regarding disability benefits, business may;

- A) be legally exempt from obtaining disability benefits insurance coverage; or
- B) obtain such coverage from insurance carriers; or
- C) be a Board-approved self-insured employer.

Accordingly, to assist State and municipal entities in enforcing WCL Section 220(8), businesses requesting permits or seeking to enter into contracts **MUST provide ONE** of the following forms to the entity issuing the permit or entering into a contract:

- A) **CE-200**, Certificate of Attestation For New York Entities With No Employees And Certain Out Of State Entities, That New York State Workers' Compensation And/Or Disability Benefits Insurance Coverage Is Not Required;

Starting December 1, 2008, Form CE-200 can be filled out electronically on the Board's website, www.wcb.state.ny.us, under the heading "Forms." Applicants filing electronically are able to print a finished Form CE-200 immediately upon completion of the electronic application. Applicants without access to a computer may obtain a paper application for the CE-200 by writing or visiting the Customer Service Center at any District Office of the Workers' Compensation Board. Applicants using the manual process may wait up to four weeks before receiving a CE-200. Once the applicant receives the CE-200, the applicant can then submit that CE-200 to the government agency from which he/she is getting the permit, license or contract.

OR

- B) **DB-120.1** – Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance (the business's insurance carrier will send this form to the government entity upon request); **OR**

- C) **DB-155** – Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance (the business calls the Board's Self-Insurance Office at 518-402-0247.

Please note that **for building permits ONLY**, certain homeowners of 1,2,3 or 4 family owner-occupied residences serving as their own General Contractor may be eligible to file form **BP-1** (The homeowner obtains this form either the Building Department or on the Board's website, www.wcb.state.ny.us, under the heading "Forms".)

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