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2.2 Purpose: Or arranging to perform needs to be added.

2.6 A: The board has provided plastic cards incorporated in the registration fee, over the last twenty years to all registered contractors at no additional cost; except for officers or when the card was lost. New printers and over thirty thousand blank cards were purchased to provide a picture ID card to improve consumer protection and protect elderly from possible fraud. Adding the additional cost is not warranted, in light of the reduction of RICRLB staff. Plastic cards should be used instead of paper, just like one's driver's license, to provide better security and more professionalism to the contractor.

• It should be noted that no rules and regulations were incorporated in these documents for the purpose to implement the Home Inspection Licensing requirements, Commercial Roofer Licensing, as well as Well, Pump and Filtration Licensing even though mentioned in the scope. Sections need to be added for each of these disciplines so the programs can finally be instituted after decades of waiting. Additionally, language has not been inserted to address the recent change in the law to section GL 5-65-19 regarding change to felony conviction which should be part of these changes. Even a brief paragraph or two stipulating when and for what amount should be added to clarify the new tiered structure as well as the need to go after repeat offenders.