

# STATEMENT OF SCOPE

## Department of Commerce

Rule No. : Chapters Comm 2 and 5

Relating to : Fees

### **1. Description of the objective of the rule.**

The objective of the rule is to update the provisions of the Department's administrative rules relating to the fees charged by the Safety and Buildings Division. The update is intended to provide a sufficient revenue stream to cover the operational costs of the division for four years.

### **2. Description of existing policies relevant to the rule and of new policies proposed to be included in the rule and an analysis of policy alternatives.**

Section 101.19, Stats., requires the Department to fix and collect fees by rule which shall, as closely as possible, equal the cost of providing services such as plan examination, inspections, and permits to operate. The fees for these services provided by the Safety and Buildings Division are contained in chapter Comm 2. The fees involved in the issuance of licenses, certifications and registrations are contained in chapter Comm 5. The current fees were last revised in 2000. The alternative of not updating the fees would result in revenues that would not be sufficient to support continuation of existing division operations.

### **3. Statutory authority for the rule.**

The statutory authority for the rule is contained in sections 101.19, 145.02 (3) (g), and 145.26 (3), Stats.

### **4. Estimate of the amount of time that state employees will spend to develop the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule.**

The department estimates approximately 300 hours will be needed to perform the review and develop any needed rule changes. This time includes drafting the rule changes and processing the changes through public hearings, legislative review, and adoption. The department will assign existing staff to perform the review and develop the rule changes, and no other resources will be needed.

**5. Description of all entities that will be affected by the rule.**

The rule will potentially affect a wide variety of individuals and entities that utilize the Safety and Building Division's services. The Division is involved in the oversight of commercial buildings, new one- and 2-family dwellings, blasting, amusement rides, fireworks manufacturers, boilers, electric wiring, plumbing, public swimming pools, private onsite wastewater treatment systems, passenger ropeways, elevators, escalators, mines, pits and quarries. The people affected by the rule would include building owners, designers and contractors and owners of the various mechanical devices. Under chapter Comm 5 the division issues licenses, certifications and registrations to approximately 65 different types of trade practices typically related to building construction. For example, the Division issues credentials to blasters, electricians and inspectors. The rules would not affect credential fees established by the statutes, such as license fees for plumbers and automatic fire sprinkler system installers.

**6. Summary and preliminary comparison of any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the rule.**

An Internet-based search in the *Code of Federal Regulations* and the *Federal Register* did not identify any existing or proposed federal regulations that address these topics.

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