

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Department of Commerce

Rule No. : Chapter Comm 5

Relating to Licenses, Certifications and Registrations
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1. Description of the objective of the rule.

The potential rulemaking projects are intended to review and update the rules and procedures for licenses, certifications and registrations covered under chapter Comm 5.

One objective of the rulemaking project is to evaluate the rules in order to improve the efficiency in the department's processing of the various licenses, certifications and registrations procedures. Another objective is to review the rules for consistency in light of statutory revisions that have occurred such as the statutory revision for the definition of "plumbing" and the elimination of term "indentured" regarding apprentices and apprenticeships. The rules are also to be reviewed for clarity and consistency.

A specific objective would be to establish continuing education obligations for automatic fire sprinkler testers.

The objectives of this rule project may be incorporated into more than one rule package, and may include revisions to other chapters affected by the proposal.

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.

Chapter Comm 5 establishes licensing, certification and registration programs for a variety of building trades, both for individuals and businesses. The current rules establish provisions for the activities, qualifications, exams, responsibilities and renewal obligations for the various credentials.

Not evaluating and updating chapter Comm 5 periodically would not provide the department the opportunity to increase efficiencies in the processes relating to the issuance and renewal of credentials.

3. Statutory authority for the rule.

Chapters 101, 145 and 167, 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 400 hours will be needed to perform the review and develop any needed rule changes. This time includes meeting with various advisory councils, if necessary, 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 of the entities that will be affected by the rule.

The current rules of chapter Comm 5 cover blasters, firework manufacturers, building contractors, dwelling contractors, HVAC contractors, welders, electricians, inspectors, plumbers, elevator and lift installers, automatic fire sprinkler installers, refrigerant handling technicians, soil testers, automatic fire sprinkler testers, manufactured home manufacturers, dealers, salespersons and installers, and liquefied gas suppliers.

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 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) and the *Federal Register* did not find any federal regulations relating to the licensing activities to be regulated under the rules.

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