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DSPS Adjusting to Improve Accessibility

Madison, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS) is working to increase the accessibility of forms on its website.

The department is using an online form builder, Access Gov, to transfer most existing forms into a format that meets Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidance set to take effect next April. The ADA rule has specific requirements about how to ensure web content and mobile applications are accessible to people with disabilities so they can access DPS services.

“In addition to the accessibility improvements, this move will improve the efficiency of our processes for the benefit of our staff and the people of Wisconsin,” said DPS Assistant Deputy Secretary Niko Ruud. “The end goal is to allow those using our website to submit many forms directly to DPS through the platform, rather than having to download a pdf and email it.”

DPS plans to start converting its existing forms in batches starting in the first week of June and continuing the first Wednesday of every month following.

Those who regularly access DPS online forms for licensing, plan submittal or other services will notice some differences. Primarily, the forms will look different, however, they will require the same information.

About DPS

DPS issues more than 240 unique licenses, administers dozens of boards and councils that regulate professions, enforces state building codes, runs the state fire prevention program, and maintains the award-winning Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is a key tool in the multi-faceted public health campaign to stem excessive opioid prescribing. A fee-based agency, DPS is self-sustaining and receives no general fund tax dollars for its day-to-day operations. With five offices and 250 employees throughout Wisconsin, DPS

collaborates with constituents and stakeholders across a wide range of industries to promote safety and advance the economy.

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