

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS AND AGENCY RESPONSE

| Clearinghouse Rule Number: 06-031 | | Hearing Location: Madison | |
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| Rule Number: Chapter Comm 5 | | Hearing Date: April 27, 2006 | |
| Relating to: Licenses, Certifications and Registrations | | | |
| Comments: Oral or Exhibit No. | Presenter, Group Represented, City and State | Comments/Recommendations | Agency Response |
| Oral Exhibit No. 1 | John Mielke Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin, Madison | <p>Is opposed to the removal of qualification requirements to take the commercial electrical inspector exam, Comm 5.62 (3).</p> <p>Believes the qualifications should be retained for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The qualifications are similar to those for the master electrician and if appropriate for the electrician why not for the inspector. • Field experience is invaluable in determine proper installation or recognizing alternative compliance methods. • Field experience provides an understanding to “visualize” appropriate alternatives when making code interpretations. <p>Believes the qualifications make for better inspectors.</p> | The proposed removal of the qualifications to take the commercial electrical inspector exam makes the rules consistent with those for taking the commercial building inspector exam and the commercial plumbing inspector exam. The inspector must pass an exam equivalent to that for a master electrician in order to be certified. The function of the inspector is to facilitate code compliance while statutorily, the electrician is primarily responsible for code compliance. |
| Oral Exhibit No. 2 | David Boetcher International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers | <p>Oppose the proposed changes for electrical inspection believing field experience is a necessity for an electrical inspector; code-based certification exam does not give the person the ability to understand electrical installations in the field.</p> <p>Do not oppose the rule revisions converting the credential terms from 2 years to 4 years.</p> <p>Concerned that credential holders acquire the proper continuing education during the credential term in order to keep up with products and codes affecting the sprinkler industry. Suggested that 12 hours of continuing education be required to be obtained in each of the 2-year period of the 4-year credential term.</p> | See response to Mielke. |
| Exhibit No. 3 | Terry Fameree Association of Electrical Inspectors, Green Bay | <p>Is opposed to the changes deleting the experience requirements to write the commercial electrical inspector test.</p> <p>Provided the qualifications required by the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.</p> <p>Contends this change could result in commercial buildings being wired and</p> | See response to Mielke. |

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| | | inspected by people who have no or little practical field experience electrical construction or codes. Believes that this will jeopardize the quality and safety of electrical installations. | |