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## **RULES CERTIFICATE**

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  DEPT. OF INDUSTRY, )  LABOR & HUMAN RELATIONS )	SS		RECEIVED  AUG 4 1994 REVISOR OF STATUTES BUREAU
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESE	NTS SHALL COME, GREETI	NGS:	
I, <u>Carol Skorni</u>	cka	, Secretary of the Depar	rtment of Industry,
Labor and Human Relations, and	d custodian of the official	records of said departmen	t, do hereby certify that
the annexed rule(s) relating to _	plumbing license r	renewal and continuin (Subject)	g education
were duly approved and adopte	d by this department on _	August 4, 1994 (Date)	<u>.</u> ,
I further certify that said cop		-	in the department
		IN TESTIMONY WHEREO my hand and affixed the department at 8:30 in the city of Madison, to day of August	e official seal of the  a.m. his 4th A.D. 19 94

### ORDER OF ADOPTION

Pursuant to authority vested in the Departi	ment d	of Indus	try, Labor	and I	luman f	Relations by section(s)
101.02	(1)	and 14	15.02 (3	3)		
Stats., the Department of Industry, Labor a    X	s and a Fee		ules of W 11e		creates; in Adm	amends; inistrative Code chapter(s):
(Number)	(Title)					
The attached rules shall take effect on	the	first	day of	the	month	following publication
in the Wisconsin Administrative	e Reg	jister			pursu	ant to section 227.22, Stats.
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		Adopted at Madison, Wisconsin this				Wisconsin this
			date:	Aug	ust 4	, 1994
			DEPART RELATIO		T OF INE	OUSTRY, LABOR AND HUMAN  Secretary

# RULES in FINAL DRAFT FORM



Rule No.: Chapters ILHR 2 and 81

Relating to: Plumbing License Renewal & Continuing Education

Clearinghouse Rule No.: 94-61

The Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations proposes an order to amend ILHR 2.62 (1) (a) 2, (b) 2, (d) 2, (e) 2, (h), (i), (j) 2, (k) 2, (m) 2, and (n), ILHR 81.12 (intro.), 81.12 (2), 81.135 (2), and 81.135 (3); to repeal and recreate ILHR 81.13 (2) and (title); and to create ILHR 81.12 (4), 81.135 (2) Note, and 81.135 (4) (e) 4, relating to the renewal of plumbing licenses and continuing educational requirements.

#### ANALYSIS OF RULES

Statutory authority: ss. 101.02 (1), 145.02 (3) and (4), Stats. Statutes interpreted: s. 145.02 (4), Stats.

Beginning in 1992 the Department by rule mandated that plumbers obtain continuing educational credit in order to renew their plumbing licenses. The enactment of the state budget, 1993 Wisconsin Act 16, changed the terms of plumbing and fire sprinkler licenses from one year to 2 years. The proposed rules are intended to coordinate the department's administration of the processes involved with continuing education and license/registration renewal.

The proposed rules shift the beginning of the plumbing and fire sprinkler license/registration periods from January 1st to April 1st. Under the proposed rules plumbing and fire sprinkler licenses and registrations that are to expire on December 31, 1994 and December 31, 1995 and are in good standing would be automatically renewed for a term of 3 months without an application and a renewal fee. The automatically renewed licenses would expire on March 31, 1995 and March 31, 1996, respectively. The licenses and registrations may be renewed in the same manner as currently delineated under existing rules.

Continuing educational credits for plumbers would not be increased, but would have to be obtained over a 2 calendar-year period. The time frame between when continuing education credit must be obtained and the start of the license renewal process will allow the department time to audit compliance with continuing educational requirements before renewing a plumber's license. An individual who has not fulfilled their continuing education obligation will be required to take and pass the appropriate license examination to obtain the plumbing license again.

- SECTION 1. ILHR 2.62 (1) (a) 2, (b) 2, (d) 2, (e) 2, (h), (1), (j) 2, (k) 2, (m) 2, and (n) are amended to read:
- ILHR 2.62 (1) (a) 2. Master plumber license, \$250.00 and \$250.00 for each renewal of license, if application is made prior to January-1 April 1; after that date an additional fee of \$20.00
- (b) 2. Journeyman plumber license, \$90.00 and \$90.00 for each renewal of license, if application is made prior to January-1 April 1; after that date an additional fee of \$10.00.
- (d) 2. Master plumber-restricted license, \$250.00 and \$250.00 for each renewal of license, if application is made prior to January-1 April 1; after that date an additional fee of \$20.00.
- (e) 2. Journeyman plumber-restricted, \$90.00 and \$90.00 for each renewal of license, if application is made prior to January-1 April 1; after that date an additional fee of \$10.00.
- (h) The fees for the utility contractor shall be \$250.00 and \$250.00 for each renewal of license, if application is made prior to January-1 April 1; after that date an additional fee of \$10.00.
- (i) The registration fees for pipe layer shall be \$90.00 and \$90.00 for each renewal of registration, if application is made prior to January-1 April 1: after that date an additional fee of \$10.
- (j) 2. Automatic fire sprinkler contractor license, \$1,000.00 and \$1,000.00 for each renewal of license, if application is made prior to January 1 April 1; after that date an additional fee of \$25.00.
- (k) 2. 'License fee'. Journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter license, \$90.00 and \$90.00 for each renewal of license, if application is made prior to January-1 April 1; after that date an additional fee of \$10.00.
- (m) 2. 'License fee'. Automatic fire sprinkler maintenance registration certificate, \$200.00 and \$200.00 for each renewal of registration, if application is made prior to January-1 April 1; after that date an additional fee of \$25.00.
- (n) <u>Automatic fire sprinkler fitter maintenance</u>. The registration certificate fees for an automatic fire sprinkler fitter maintenance shall be \$30.00 and \$30.00 for each renewal of registration, if application is made prior to January-1 <u>April 1</u>; after that date an additional fee of \$10.00.

#### SECTION 2. ILHR 81.12 (intro.) is amended to read:

ILHR 81.12 EXPIRATION OF LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS. Except as provided in s. ILHR 81.08 (2), no license or registration issued under this subchapter shall be valid for longer than 2 years. Except as provided in <u>sub. (4)</u> and s. ILHR 81.08 (2), licenses or registrations issued under this subchapter shall expire on December-31 <u>March 31</u> of the second year of the license or registration.

#### SECTION 3. ILHR 81.12 (2) is amended to read:

ILHR 81.12 (2) A <u>Except as provided in sub. (4), a</u> license or a registration may be renewed upon application and payment of a renewal fee received by the department prior to the date of expiration.

#### SECTION 4. ILHR 81.12 (4) is created to read:

ILHR 81.12 (4) (a) Licenses and registrations which expire on December 31, 1994 and December 31, 1995, shall be automatically renewed by the department without applications and renewal fees provided the license or registration has not been revoked or suspended under s. ILHR 81.14 or 81.15.

(b) A license or registration which has been renewed under par. (a) shall expire on March 31 of the following year and may be renewed in accordance with s. ILHR 81.13.

#### SECTION 5. ILHR 81.13 (2) is repealed and recreated to read:

ILHR 81.13 (2) RENEWAL QUALIFICATIONS. (a) The renewal of a license or a registration by the department shall be dependent upon the applicant completing the appropriate renewal application and fee.

- (b) The renewal of a license for a master plumber, master plumber-restricted, journeyman plumber or journeyman plumber-restricted shall be dependent upon the applicant completing the appropriate continuing education requirements under s. ILHR 81.135.
- (c) An individual who fails to comply with the appropriate continuing education requirements under s. ILHR 81.135 shall take and pass the appropriate license examination in accordance with s. ILHR 81.05 in order to renew his or her license.

#### SECTION 6. ILHR 81.135 (2) is amended to read:

ILHR 81.135 (2) (a) <u>Full-licensed plumbers</u>. The license renewal of each master plumber and journeyman plumber shall be contingent upon the plumber obtaining at least 12 hours of acceptable continuing education in <u>during</u> the 2-year-period <u>2 calendar years immediately</u> preceding the license expiration date, except as provided in sub. (3).

(b) <u>Restricted-licensed plumbers</u>. The license renewal of each master plumber-restricted and journeyman plumber-restricted shall be contingent upon the plumber obtaining at least 6 hours of acceptable continuing education in <u>during</u> the 2-year-period 2 calendar years immediately preceding the license expiration date, except as provided in sub. (3).

SECTION 7. ILHR 81.135 (2) Note is created to read:

ILHR 81.135 (2) Note: See s. ILHR 81.13 (2) as to the process for license renewal when continuing education requirements have not been fulfilled.

SECTION 8. ILHR 81.135 (3) is amended to read:

ILHR 81.135 (3) A plumber may apply to the department for waiver of the continuing education requirements for-a-specific-license-renewal-year under sub. (2) on the grounds of prolonged illness or disability or similar circumstances. Each application for waiver shall be considered individually on its merits by the department.

SECTION 9. ILHR 81.135 (4) (e) 4 is created to read:

ILHR 81.135. (4) (e) 4. The individual or organization that holds an approved continuing education course shall provide to each person in attendance written documentation of his or her participation within 10 days of completion of the course or program.

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#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats., these rules shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

Tommy G. Thompson Governor Carol Skornicka Secretary



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## State of Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations

August 4, 1994

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Dear Messrs. Poulson and LaFollette:

#### TRANSMITTAL OF RULE ADOPTION

CLEARINGHOUS	RULE NO.	94–61		
RULE NO.	Chapters	ILHR 2 and 81		
RELATING TO: _	Plumbing	License Renewal	and Continuing	Education
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adopted by the agency with the offices of the Secretary of State and the Revisor of Statutes.

At this time, the following material is being submitted to you:

- 1. Order of Adoption.
- 2. Rules Certificate Form.
- 3. Rules in Final Draft Form.

Pursuant to section 227.114, Stats., a summary of the final regulatory flexibility analysis is included for permanent rules. A fiscal estimate and fiscal estimate worksheet is included with an emergency rule.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Skornicka Secretary

