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Enclosed you find a request to amend the Wisconsin State Statutes relating to Fire Department Dues. Could you please have this drafted into a bill? Please call me if you-have any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration of

this matter.

Sincerely

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PROPOSED STATUTE REVISIONS - FIRE DEPARTMENT DUES

Proposed revisions with new language underlined and strikethrough for deletions.

Section 101.14 Statutes

'iO1.14 Fire inspections, prevention, detection and suppression.

101 .14 (1) (a) The department shall be the state authority having jurisdiction for fire inspections, prevention, detection and suppression in all buildings, structures and upon all premises. As the state authority having jurisdiction, the department may establish a fire safety program for the purpose of reducing the loss of life and property from unwanted fires. The department may make reasonable orders for the repair or removal of any building or other structure which for want of repair or by reason of age or dilapidated condition or for any other cause is especially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger other building& or property and for the repair or removal of any combustible or explosive material or inflammable conditions, dangerous to the safety of any building or premises or the occupants thereof or endangering or hindering fire fighters in case of fire.

101 .14 (1) (b) The secretary and any deputy may at all reasonable hours enter into and upon all buildings, premises and public thoroughfares excepting only the interior of private dwellings, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any condition liable to cause fire, or any violation of any law or order relating to the fire hazard or to the prevention of fire.

101.14 (1) (bm) The secretary and any deputy may, at all reasonable hours, enter the interior of private dwellings at the request of the owner or renter for the purpose of verifying proper installation of fire suppression devices and s. 101.145 (6) or 101.645 (4).

- 101 .14 (1) (c) The department is hereby empowered and directed to provide the form of a course of study in fire prevention for use in the public schools, dealing with the protection of lives and property against loss or damage as a result of preventable fires, and transmit the same by the first day of August in each year to the state superintendent of public instruction.
- 101 .14 (1) (d) The department may prepare and provide suitable forms for distribution to the school systems in the state, for the purpose of providing uniform reports on fire drills conducted during the year in accordance with s. 118.07 (2).
- 101 .14 (2) (a) The chief of the fire department in every city, village or town, except cities of the 1st class, is constituted a deputy of the department, subject to the right of the department to relieve any such chief from duties as such deputy for cause, and upon such suspension to appoint some other person to perform the duty imposed upon such deputy. The department may appoint either the chief of the fire department or the building inspector as its deputy in cities of the 1st class.
- 101.14 (2) (b) The chief of every fire department shall provide for the inspection of every public building and place of employment to determine and cause to be eliminated any fire hazard or any violation of any law relating to fire hazards or to the prevention of fires.
- 101 .14 (2) (c) 1. Except as provided under subd. 2., the chief of every fire department shall provide that the inspections required under par. (b) be made at least once in each non-overlapping 6-month period per calendar year in all of the territory served by his or her fire

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department. The chief of a fire department may require more frequent inspections than required under this subdivision. The department by rule shall provide for general exceptions, based on the type of occupancy or use of the premises, where less frequent inspections are required. Upon written request by the chief of a fire department, the department by special order may grant an exception to a city, village or town to conduct less frequent inspections than required under this subdivision.

- 101.14 (2) (c) 2. In 1st class cities, the fire chief may establish the schedule of fire inspections in that city. The fire chief shall base the frequency of the inspections on hazardous classification, the proportion of public area, the record of fire code violations, the ratio of occupancy to size and any other factor the chief deems significant. Property other than residential property with 4 dwelling units or less shall be inspected at least once annually.
- 101 .14 (2) (cm) In addition to the requirements of pars. (b) and (c), a fire department shall provide public fire education services.
- 101.14 (2) (d) The chief of every fire department, or, in 1 st class cities, the building inspector appointed by the department under par. (a), shall designate a sufficient number of inspectors to make the inspections required under pars. (b) and (c).
- 101.14 (2) (e) Written reports of inspection shall be made and kept on file by the local authority having jurisdiction to conduct inspections, or its designee, in the manner and form required by the department.
- ~101.14 (2) (f) Every inspection required under pars. (b) and (c) is subject to the supervision and direction of the department., which shall, after audit, certify to the commissioner of insurance after the expiration of each calendar year each city, village or town where the inspections for the year have been made, and where records have been made and kept on file as required under par. (e).

101 .14 (3) The department shall annually conduct training sessions and provide manuals and other materials and services to assist deputies and inspectors in the fulfillment of their duties under sub. (2).

Section 101.140, Statutes

101.140 Public fire education and injury prevention education fund.

101.140 (1) (a) For the purpose of supporting public education, including but not limited to injury prevention, fire prevention, fire detection and fire suppression devices, the department shall create a public fire education and injury prevention education fund.

- 101 .140 (1) (b) The department by rule shall provide for the administration of the public fire education and injury prevention education fund.
- 101 .140 (1) (c) The costs to the department for the administration of the public fire education and injury prevention education fund may be charged by the department directly to the fund.
- 101 .140 (1) (d) The department has authority to distribute funds from the public fire education and injury prevention education fund.

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101.140 (2) (a) Monetary donations and allocations for the public fire education and injury prevention education fund shall be accepted by the department.

101.140 (2) (b) All monetary donations and allocations received by the department under par. (a) shall be appropriated to the public fire education and injury prevention education fund.

Section 101.141, Statutes

101 .141 Record keeping of fires.

101.141 The department chall maintain records of all fires occurring in this state Each fire department shall maintain a record of all fires occurring within the territory served by the fire department. Such records shall be open to public inspection, as specified in ch. 19 during normal business hours and shall be provided to the department as specified by rule.

Section 101 .573, Statutes

101 .573 Fire dues distribution.

101.573 (1) The department shall include in the compilation and certification determination of fire department dues under sub. (3) 2% of the premiums paid to the state fire fund for the insurance of any public property, other than state property. The department shall notify the state treasurer of the amount certified under this subsection and the state treasurer shall charge the amount to the state fire fund.

101.573 (3) (a) On or before May 1 in each year, the department shall compile the fire department dues paid by all insurers under s. 601.93 and the dues paid by the state fire fund under sub. (1) and funds remaining under par. (b), withhold 5% and certify to the state treasurer determine the proper amount to be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.143 (3) (L) to each city, village or town entitled to fire department dues under s. 101.575. Annually, on or before August 1, the state treasurer department shall pay the amounts- determined by the department to the cities, villages and towns eligible under s. 101.575.

101.573 (3) (b) The amount withheld under par. (a) shall be disbursed to correct errors of the department or the commissioner of insurance or for payments to cities, villages or towns which are first determined to be eligible for payments under par. (a) after May 1. The department shall certify to the state treasurer determine, as near as is practical, the amount which would have been payable to the municipality if payment had been properly disbursed under par. (a) on or prior to May 1, except the amount payable to any municipality first eligible after May 1 shall be reduced by 1.5% for each month or portion of a month which expires after May 1 and prior to the eligibility determination. The state treasurer department shall pay the amount certified determined to the city, village or town. The balance of the amount withheld in a calendar year under par. (a) which is not disbursed under this paragraph shall be included in the total compiled by the department under par. (a) for the next calendar year. If errors in payments exceed the amount set aside for error payments, adjustments shall be made in the distribution for the next year.

101.573 (4) The department shall transmit to the treasurer clerk of each city, village and town entitled to fire department dues, a statement of the amount of the spanner of the state treasurer department, upon request, a list of the insurers paying dues under s. 601.93 and the amount paid by each.

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Section 101.575, Statutes

101.575 Entitlement to dues.

101.575 (1) (a) Except as provided in par. (am), every city, village or town maintaining a fire department that complies with this subsection and the requirements of subs. (3) to (6) is entitled to a proportionate share of all fire department dues collected under ss. 101.573 and 601.93 after deducting the administrative expenses of the department under s. 101.573, based on the equalized valuation of real property improvements upon land within the city, village or town, but not less than the amount the municipality received under s. 601.93 (3), 1977 stats., and chapter 26, laws of 1979, in calendar year 1979.

101.575 (I) (am) If the department determines that a fire department providing fire protection or fire prevention services to a city, village or town fire department has failed to satisfy the requirements of this subsection or subs. (3) to (6), the department shall nonetheless pay dues for that calendar year to that city, village or town. The department shall issue a notice of noncompliance to the chief of the fire department, the governing body and the highest elected official of the city, village or town. If the fire department cannot demonstrate to the department that the fire department has met all requirements within one year after receipt of the notice-or prior to the next audit by the department, whichever is later the city, village or town shall not be entitled to dues under par. (a) for that year in which the city: village or town becomes not entitled to dues and for all subsequent calendar years until the requirements are met.

101.575 (1) (b) Every city, village or town that contracts for fire protection and fire prevention services that comply with s. 101.14 (2) from another city, village, or town or fire department is entitled to the dues specified in par. (a) if the department determines that the fire department furnishing the protection can provide the agreed protection without endangering property within its own limits and the fire prevention services comply with s. 101.14 (2).

101.575 (1) (c) Any city, village or town, not **maint**aining a fire department, that for the purpose of obtaining fire protection and prevention services for itself enters into an agreement with another city, village, er town or fire department is entitled to the dues specified in par. (a) if the department determines that the fire prevention services comply with s. 101.14 (2). Two or more municipalities that together have entered into a fire protection agreement in the manner prescribed in this paragraph shall each be entitled to dues under par. (a).

101.575 (1) (d) Where at least 95% of the required inspections specified in s. 101 .14 (2) are conducted within a city, village or town, that city, village or town shall remain entitled to receive 100% of the determined annual dues distribution.

101.575 (1) (e) The highest elected official and the governing body of each city, village or town shall ensure the fire protection services, as specified in sub. (3), and the fire prevention services, as specified in s. 101.14 (2), are provided for the city, village or town.

'101 575 (2) If a city or village contracts to provide fire protection and the services of its fire department outside of its boundaries, it is subject to the same liability for property damage and personal injury when responding to calls and providing services outside of its boundaries as when providing the same services within its boundaries.

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101.575 (3) No city, village or town is entitled to receive dues under this section unless the city, village or town complies with pars. (a) and (b).

101.575 (3) (a) No city, village or town may receive fire department dues under this section unless it has maintains or contracts with a fire department which satisfies all of the following requirements:

101.575 (3) (a) 1. Is organized to provide continuous fire protection in that city, village or town and has a designated chief.

101.575 (3) (a) 2. Singly, or in combination with another fire department under a contract or mutual aid agreement, can ensure the response of at least 4 fire fighters, none of whom is the chief, to a first alarm for a building.

101.575 (3) (a) 3. Provides a training program to firefighters and fire inspectors who are engaged in providing tire suppression, public fire education or fire prevention inspections, as prescribed by the department by rule.

101.575 (3) (a) 4. Provides facilities capable, without delay, of receiving an alarm and dispatching fire fighters and apparatus.

101.575 (3) (b) Each city, village or town eligible for dues under this section shall maintain or contract with either a volunteer fire department that holds a meeting at least once-each month, or a paid or partly paid fire department with sufficient personnel ready for service at all times.

101.575 (4) (a) The department may not pay any fire department dues for any year to a city, village, or town or fire department unless all of the following conditions are satisfied:

101.575 (4) (a) 1. The department determines that the city, village, town or fire department has complied with sub. (6) and s. 101.14 (2).

101.575 (4) (a) 2. The city, village or town has submitted a self-certification audit form which is signed by the clerk of the city, village or town and by the chief of the each fire department providing fire protection and fire prevention services to that city, village or town, which is provided by the department by rule and which certifies that the each fire department has complied with this section and s. 101.14(2) the department has audited to city, rillage, town or fire department and detarmined that it complies with sub. (6) so I s. 101.54 (2) within that city, village, or town.

101.575 (4) (b) If dues which would have been paid into any fire fighter's pension fund or other special funds for the benefit of disabled or superannuated fire fighters are withheld under this subsection, an amount equal to the fire department dues withheld shall be paid into the pension fund from any available fund of the city, village or town, and, if no fund is available, an amount equal to the amount withheld shall be included in and paid out of the next taxes levied and collected for the city, village or town.

101.575 (5) No city, village or town which has contracted with another city, village or town or any part thereof for fire protection may be paid any fire department dues unless the contract or contracts are sufficient to provide fire protection to the entire city, village or town for which the fire protection service is being provided.

101.575 (6) (a) No city, village or town maintaining a five department under this section may use any dues received under s. 101.573 and this section for any purpose except the direct provision of the following:

101.575 (6) (a) 1. The purchase of fire protection equipment.

101.575 (6) (a) 2. Fire inspection and public education.

101.575 (6) (a) 3. Training of fire fighters and fire inspectors performing duties under s. 101.14.

101.575 (6) (a) 4. To fund wholly or partially fire fighters' pension funds or other special funds for the benefit of disabled or superannuated fire fighters.

101.575 (6) (b) Any city, village or town that contracts for fire protection service shall give dues received under s. 101.573 and this section to the fire department providing the fire protection service. That fire department shall use those dues for any of the purposes specified in par. (a).

Fire Department Dues Briefing

Description and Background

- ♦ Under subsections 101.14, 101.573 and 101.575, Stats., Wisconsin municipalities are eligible to receive moneys from what is known as the Fire Department Dues Fund.
- ♦ The fund is supported by 2% of all premiums for fire insurance underwritten in the state.
- ♦ Annually, the department determines if fire departments and municipalities have met the requirements to be entitled to fire dues.
- ♦ Each entitled municipality receives a percentage of the fire fund based upon the equalized valuation of real property improvements within the municipality.
- ♦ Statutes require 100% compliance to qualify for funds.
- ♦ The department developed the statute change proposal with the input of an advisory task group.
 - . Proposal cleans-up language and issues in the current statutes.
 - Proposal updates the applicable statutes to reflect the current structure of the state agencies.
 - Proposal allows municipalities to conduct 95% of their required fire inspections and yet remain entitled to receive 100% of their annual fire dues payment.
 - Proposal adds a new fund administered by the department for public fire education and injury prevention education.

Objective,

- To obtain passage of the proposed legislation, this should:
 - . Reaffirm and clarify the legislative intent to regulate the fire protection and fire prevention services of the municipalities and the fire departments.
 - . Encourage public education by creating a fund where donations may be made to the department from the public.

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Enclosed you find a request to amend the Wisconsin State Statutes relating to changes in Multifamily Building Codes. Could you please amend the bill draft relating to fire dues to incorporate these changes as well? Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

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POSSIBLE STATUTORY REVISIONS REGARDING MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS

SECTION . 15.157 (12) (d) is amended to read:

15.157 (12) (d) Nine members of the council shall constitute a quorum. For the purpose of conducting business a majority vote of the council is required, except that at least 10 members of the council are required to vote affirmatively to recommend changes in the statutes or administrative rules. The council may not make a recommendation to deviate from nationally recognized standards for fire protection, building heights and areas, fire resistant materials and construction, and means of egress, if more than one member of the council votes against the deviation.

(This subsection of the statutes pertains to the multifamily council and thisparticular paragraph provides direction for how the council conducts its business. The additional language, that which is underlined is intended to reflect that a national building code, such as the IBC, is to be utilized and any deviations either more restrictive or less restrictive from that code need almost total support from the entire council. Note under this process: in situations where 10 or 11 members are present at a council meeting, at least 10 members would have to vote affirmatively to recommend a code change whether or not it involved a deviation from the IBC: in situations where 12 or more members are present at a council meeting, a recommendation to deviate from the IBC would fail if 2 or more members voted against the recommendation even though 10 or more members may have voted affirmatively.)

SECTION: 15.157 (12) (e) is created to read:

15.157 (12) (e) For an administrative rule which deviates from a nationally recognized standard for fire protection, building heights and areas, fire resistant materials and construction, or means of egress and which was promulgated based upon a recommendation from the council in accordance with par (d), the council may not make a recommendation to revise that rule if more than one member of the council votes against the revision.

SECTION. 10 1.14 (1) (bm) is amended to read:

101.14 (1) (bm) The secretary and any deputy may, at all responsible hours, enter the interior of private dwellings at the request of the owner or renter for the purpose of s. 101.145 (6) or 101.645 (4) verifying proper installation of fire suppression and detection devices.

(This reflects the repeal of s. 101.145 and other statutory revisions under a different initiative.)

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SECTION. 10 1.14 (4m) is repealed.

(This action eliminates the triggers for providing automatic fire sprinkler systems or 2-hour fire resistive construction. The current statutory triggers makes reference to classes of construction for buildings which are not consistent with model building codes.)

SECTION . 10 1.145 is repealed.

(This action eliminates requirements for smoke detectors in public buildings, including multifamily buildings, that are no longer consistent with national technical standards. Note. Current statutory maintenance requirements and obligations for smoke detectors relating to the relationship of tenants and landlords are also repeated in the administrative rules under s. Comm 51.245 (3). These maintenance requirements and obligations would be continued as administrative rules as a Wisconsin supplement to the IBC.)

SECTION. 101.645 (1) is repealed and recreated to read:

10 1.645 (1) DEFINITION. "Smoke detector" means a device which detects particles or products of combustion other than heat.

(Section of 101.645 pertains to smoke detectors for all one- and 2-family dwellings, including those builtprior to 1978. This revision reflects the elimination of s. 101.145. The current statutory definition under s. 101.645 cross-referenced the definition that existed under s, 101.145(1); that definition is now found here.)

SECTION. 101.645 (2) is amended to read:

1 0 1 . 6 4 5 (2) A P P R O V A L - . A smoke detector required under this section shall be approved a linear dunder s.101.145(2) and (3) (a) listed by an independent testing laboratory, including but not limited to underwriters laboratory.

(Section of 101.645 pertains to smoke detectors for all one- and 2-family dwellings, including those built prior to 1978. This revision reflects the elimination of s. 101.145. The current statutory provision under s. 101.645(2) cross-referenced that which existed under 101.145(2). The statute has also been revised to be technically accurate and recognize other listing agencies not just one.)

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SECTION. 101.645 (2m) is created to read:

101.645 (2m) INSTALLATION. The owner of a dwelling shall install any smoke detector required under this section according to the directions and specifications of the manufacturer of the smoke detector.

(Section of 101.645 pertains to smoke detectors for all one- and **2-family** dwellings, including those built prior to 1978. This revision reflects the elimination of s. 101.145. The current statutory provision under s. 101.645(2) cross-referenced that which existed under 101.145(3)(a).)

SECTION. 101.745 (1) and (2) are amended to read:

101.745 (1) DEFINITION. The definition of smoke detector under s. 101.145 (1) (e) 101.645 (1) also applies to this section.

(Section of 101.745 pertains to smoke detectors for all manufactured buildings, including those, built prior to 1978. This revision reflects the elimination of s. 101.145. The current statutory definition under s. 101.745 cross-referenced the definition that existed under s. 101.145(1); that definition is now found under s. 101.64.5.)

(2) APPROVAL A smoke detector required under this section shall be approved <u>listed</u> by an independent testing laboratory, including but not limited to underwriters laboratory.

(The statute has been revised to be technically accurate and recognize other listing agencies not just one.)

SECTION. 101.925 (1) and (2) are amended to read:

101.925 (1) DEFINITION. The definition of smoke detector under s. $\frac{101.145(1)(e)}{101.645(1)}$ also applies to this section.

(Section of 101.925 pertains to smoke detectors for all manufactured homes built on or after 1978. This revision reflects the elimination of s. 101.145. The current statutory definition under s. 101.745 cross-referenced the definition that existed under s. 101.145(1); that definition is now found under s. 101.645.)

(2) APPROVAL A smoke detector required under this section shall be approved listed by an independent testing laboratory, including but not limited to underwriters laboratory.

(The **statute** has been revised to be technically accurate and recognize other listing agencies not just one.)

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SECTION. 101.972 is amended to read:

101.972 Multifamily dwelling code council duties. The multifamily dwelling code council shall review the rules for multifamily dwelling construction and recommend a uniform multifamily dwelling code for promulgation by the department. Where feasible, the code standards recommended by the committee shall be those nationally recognized for fire protection, building heights and areas, fire resistant materials and construction and means of egress. The council shall consider and make recommendations to the department pertaining to rules and any other matters related to this subchapter. The council shall identify, consider and make recommendations to the department regarding variances in the rules for different climate and soil conditions and the variable conditions created by building and population densities.

(This revision is coordinated with the revision proposed under s 15.157(12) (d), Stats. The additional language, that underlined, is intended to reflect that a national building code, such as the IBC, is to be utilized.)

SECTION. 10 1.973 (1) is amended to read:

101.973 (1) Promulgate rules that establish standards for the construction of multifamily dwellings and their components. The standards for the construction of multifamily dwellings relative to fire protection, building heights and areas, fire resistant materials and construction, and means of egress shall reflect nationally recognized standards unless the multifamily council has recommended a deviation for those standards pursuant to s. 15.157 (12) (d).

(This revision limits the department's ability to enact rules that deviate from a national building code, such as the IBC, unless there is recommendation from the multifamily council.)



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION



AN ACT 1.; relating to: the collection and distribution of fire department dues;

2 fire inspection, fire fighting and related services in cities, villages and towns;

creating a fire safety and injury prevention education program; repealing provisions requiring smoke detectors in certain residential buildings; uniform

standards under the multifamily dwelling code; multifamily dwelling code

council duties and process and granting rule making authority



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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This is a preliminary draft. An analysis will be provided in a later version.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 15.157 (12) (d) of the statutes is renumbered 15.157 (12) (d) (intro.)

and amended to read:

15.157 (12) (d) Nine members of the council shall constitute a quorum. For the purpose of conducting business a majority vote of the council is required, except that at as follows:

Section 1
1. At least 10 members of the council are required to vote affirmatively to
recommend changes a change in the statutes a statute or a change in an
administrative <u>rules</u> <u>rule</u> .
SECTION 2. 15.157 (12) (d) 2. and 3 of the statutes are created to read:
15.157 (12) (d) 2. The council may not recommend a change in a statute or a
change in an administrative rule if more than one member of the council votes
against recommending the change and if the change, if enacted or promulgated,
would make the statute or administrative rule inconsistent with nationally
recognized standards for building heights and areas, means of egress, fire protection
or the use of fire resistant materials and construction methods.
3. If the department of commerce, based upon a recommendation of the council,
promulgates an administrative rule that is inconsistent with nationally recognized
standards for building heights and areas, means of egress, fire protection or the use
of fire resistant materials and construction methods, the council may not recommend
a change in the administrative rule if more than one member of the council votes
against recommending the change.
SECTION 3. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
the following amounts for the purposes indicated:
20.143 Commerce, department PC
20.143 Commerce, Geptille 1212
(3) REGULATION OF INDUSTRY, SAFETY AND BUILDINGS

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(e) Fire safety and injury prevention education program

Section 4. 20.143 (3) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

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20.143 (3) (e) Fire safety and injury prevention education program. The
amounts in the schedule for the purpose of administering the fire safety and injury
prevention education program under s. 101.139.
Section 5. 20.143 (3) (L) of the statutes is amended to read:
20.143 (3) (L) Fire dues distribution. All moneys received under ss. 101.575
(1) and 601.93 and 604.04 (3) (b), less the amounts transferred to par. (La) and s.
20.292 (1) (gm) and (gr), for distribution under s. 101.573. The amount transferred
to par. (La) shall be the amount in the schedule under par. (La). The amount
transferred to s. 20.292 (1) (gm) shall be the amount in the schedule under s. 20.292
(1) (gm). The amount transferred to s. 20.292 (1) (gr) shall be the amount in the
schedule under s. 20.292 (1) (gr).
Section 6. 20.143 (3) (La) of the statutes is amended to read:
20.143 (3) (La) Fire prevention and fire dues administration. The amounts in
the schedule for administrative expenses under ss. 101.14, X1.141 and 101.573. All
moneys transferred from par. (L) to this appropriation shall be credited to this
appropriation. Notwithstanding s. 20.001(3) (a), the unencumbered balance on June
30 of each year shall revert to the appropriation under par. (L).
SECTION 7. 20.145 (3) (v) of the statutes is amended to read:
20.145 (3) (v) Specified payments, fire dues and reinsurance. After deducting
the amounts appropriated under par. (u), the balance of moneys in the local
government property insurance fund, for the payment of insurance losses, payments
to the investment board under s. 20.536, payments to the general fund under s.
$101.5^{72}(1)$ 604.04 (3) (b), loss adjustment expenses, fire rating bureau dues and the
cost to purchase reinsurance under s. 604.04 (6).

Section 8. 101.02 (15) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

1	101.02 (15) (am) The department has jurisdiction over and supervision of all
2	buildings, structures and premises in this state for the purpose of administering all
3	laws of this state relating to fire inspections, fire prevention, fire detection and fire
4	suppression.
5	SECTION 9. 101.139 of the statutes is created to read:
6	101.139 Fire safety and injury prevention education program. The
7	department shall develop and administer a fire safety and injury prevention
8	education program, designed to educate the public regarding fire prevention, fire
9	detection, fire suppression, injury prevention and any other related subject matter.
10	The department may make grants to support the purposes of the program. The
11	department shall adopt rules to implement this section.
12	SECTION 10. 101.14 (1) (title) of the statutes is created to read:
13	101.14 (1) (title) Authorityand duties of department; generally.
14	SECTION 11. 101.14 (1) (b) and (bm) of the statutes are amended to read:
15	101.14 (1) (b) The Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph? the
16	secretary and <u>or</u> any deputy may, at <u>all</u> <u>any</u> reasonable hours <u>time</u> , enter into and
17	upon all buildings, premises and public thoroughfares excepting only the interior of
18	private dwellings, any building. nremises or public thoroughfare for the purpose of
19	ascertaining and causing to be corrected any condition liable to cause fire, or any
20	violation of any law or order relating to the $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ fire hazard or relating to the prevention
21	of fire. This paragraph does not nrovide the secretary or any denuty with authority
22	to enter the interior of a nrivate dwelling.
23	(bm) The secretary and <u>or</u> any deputy may, at <u>all any</u> reasonable hours time.

enter the interior of \underline{a} private $\underline{dwellings}$ $\underline{dwelling}$ at the request of the owner or renter

1	for the purpose of s. 101.145(6) or 101.645(4) verifying the proper installation of fire
2	<u>sunnression devices</u> .
3	SECTION 12. 101.14 (1) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 101.14 (3) (b) and
4	amended to read:
5	101.14 (3) (b) The department is hereby empoy and directed to shall
6	provide the form of a course of study in fire prevention for use in the public schools,
7	dealing. The course of study shall deal with the protection of lives and property
8	against loss or damage as a result of preventable fires, and. The department shall
9	transmit the same by the first day of August in each year form of the course of study
10	to the state superintendent of public instruction no later than the first day of August
11	of each year.
12	SECTION 13. 101.14 (2) (title) of the statutes is created to read:
13	101.14 (2) (title) AuThority and duties of local governments and their
14	AGENTS.
15	SECTION 14. 101.14 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 101.14 (2) (ar) and
16	amended to read: / Ist class
17	amended to read: 101.14 (2) (ar) The chief of the fire department in every <u>each</u> city, village or
(18)	town, except cities other than a city of the 1st class, is constituted a deputy of the
19	department, subject to the right of the department to relieve any such the chief from
20	his or her duties as such a deputy for cause, and upon such the suspension to appoint
(21)	some other person to perform the duty imposed upon such the deputy. The In a city
(22)	the 14 charte department may appoint either the chief of the fire department
$ \begin{pmatrix} 22 \\ 23 \end{pmatrix} $	or the building inspector as its the denartment's deputy in cities of the 1st class.
24	SECTION 15. 101.14 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

1	101.14 (2) (d) The chief of every fire department, or, in 1st class cities, the
2	building inspector appointed by the department under par. $\frac{\checkmark}{(a)}$, shall designate
3	a sufficient number of inspectors to make the inspections required under pars. (b)
4	and (c).
5	SECTION 16. 101.14 (2) (f) of the statutes is renumbered 101.14 (1) (cm) and
6	amended to read:
7	101.14 (1) (cm) Every inspection required under pars. sub. (2) (b) and (c) is
8	subject to the supervision and direction of the department, which shall, after audit,
9	certify to the commissioner of insurance after the expiration of each calendar year
10	each city, village or town where the inspections for the year have been made, and
11	where records have been made and kept on file as required under par. (e).
12	SECTION 17. 101.14 (3) (title) of the statutes is created to read:
13	101.14 (3) (title) Education and Training.
14	SECTION 18. 101.14 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 101.14 (3) (a).
151617	SECTION 19. 101/14 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read: 101.14 (3) (c) The department may establish a fire safety program for the purpose of reducing the loss of life and property as a result of fires.
18	SECTION 20. 101.14 (4) (title) of the statutes is created to read:
19	101.14 (4) (title) Fire detection, prevention and suppression devices in places
20	OFEMPLOYMENTANDPUBLICBUILDINGS.
21	SECTION 21. · 101.14 (4m) (title) of the statutes is created to read:
22	$101.14~(4\mathrm{m})~(\mathrm{title})$ AutoMatic fire sprinkLer systems aNd fire resistance;
23	MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS.
24	SECTION 22. 101.14 (5) (title) of the statutes is created to read:

1	$101.14~(5)~(\mathrm{title})~\mathrm{PLAN}$ review fees; flammable, combustible or hazardous
2	MATERIALS.
3	SECTION 23. 101.141 of the statutes is amended to read:
4	101.141 Record keeping and reporting of fires. The department Each fire
5	department shall maintain records Suchard of all fires occurring in this state.
6	records shall be open to public inspection during normal business hours within the
7	territory served by the fire denartment. The department of commerce, by rule, may
8	reauire a fire denartment to nrovide the denartment of commerce with a copy of any
9	record maintained under this section.
10	SECTION 24. 101.145 of the statutes is repealed.
11	Section 25. 101.573 (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:
12 .	101.573 (title) Distribution of fire department dues.
13	SECTION 26. 101.573 (1) of the statutes is repealed.
14	SECTION 27. 101.573 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
15	101.573 (3) Determinationand distribution of firedepartment dues. (a) On
16	or before No later than May 1 in of each year, the department shall compile compute
17	the total of all fire department dues paid by all insurers under s. 601.93 and the dues
18	paid by the state fire fund under sub. (1) and funds remaining under par. (b), together
19	with any balanta remaining under par (a) and the amount charged to the property
20	fund under s. 604.04 (3) (b). The department shall withhold .5% and certify to the
21	state t urer the proper from this total for use under par. (b) and shall determine
22	the amount to be paid from the appropriation under s 19143 (3) (L) from the balance
23	to each city, village or town entitled to fire department dues under s. 101.575.
24	Annually, on or before No later than August 1 of each year, the state treasurer
25	denartment shall pay the amounts certified the department proper amount to the

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cities, villages and towns eligible each city, village and town that is entitled to fire denartment dues under s. 101.575.

(b) The amount withheld under par. (a) shall be disbursed to correct errors any <u>error</u> of the department or <u>of</u> the commissioner of insurance or for payments to cities, village or towns which are to make a navment to any city, village or town that is first determined to be eligible for payments under par. (a) entitled to fire department dues under s. 101.575 after May 1. The department shall certify to the state treasurer pay to each applicable city, village or town, as near as is practical, the amount which/ that would have been payable to the municipality city, village or town if payment had been properly disbursed under par. (a) on or prior to before May 1, except &&the amount payable to any municipality city. village or town that is first eligible entitled to fire department dues after May 1 shall be reduced by 1.5% for each month or portion of a month which that expires after May 1 and prior to before the eligibility determination. The state treasurer shall pay the amount of tiffed to the city, village or town. The department shall include any remaining balance of the amount withheld in a calendar year under par. (a) which that is not disbursed under this paragraph shell be included in the total compiled by the department under par. (a) for the next calendar year. If errors in payments exceed the amount that is necessary to correct any error of the denartment or of the commissioner of insurance exceeds the available balance of the amount set aside for error payments wit hheld under par. (a) the denartment shall make adjustments shall be made in the distribution for the score comma

101.573 (4) of the statutes is amended to read: next year to correct the error don't score

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSIONER OF

INSURANCE. (a) The department shall transmit to the treasurer clerk of each city.

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1	village and town that is entitled to fire department dues under s. 101.575, a
2	statement of the amount of dues payable to it the city, village or town under this
3	section and the.
4	(E) e commissioner of insurance shall furnish to the state treasurer transmit
5	to the denartment, upon request, a list of the containing the names of all insurers
6	paying fire department dues under s. 601.93 and the amount paid by each <u>listed</u>
7	insurer.
8	SECTION 29. 101.575 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
9	101.575 (title) Entitlement to and use of fire department dues.
10	SECTION 30. 101.575 (1) (a) of the <u>statutes</u> is renumbered 101.575 (1) and
11	amended to read: ENTITLEMENT
12	101.575 (1) Except as provided in par. (am)
13	every city, village or town maintaining a fire department that complies with this
14	subsection and the requirements of subs. (3) to (6) that is eligible to receive fire
15	denartment dues under sub. (4) is entitled to a proportionate share of all fire
16	department dues collected under ss. 101.573 and 601.93 and 604.04 (3) (b), after
17	deducting the administrative expenses of the department under s. 101.573, based on
18	the equalized valuation of real property improvements upon land within the city,
19	village or town, but not less than the amount the municipality received under s.
20	601.93 (3), 1977 stats., and chapter 26, laws of 1979, in calendar year 1979.
21	SECTION 31. 101.575 (1) (am) of the statutes is renumbered 101.575 (7) and
22	amended to read: Score Except as discovered in this scabsection, if
23	amended to read: Scale Except as discussed in this scale section, if 101.575 (7) NONCOMPLIANCE PROCEDURE. If the department determines that a
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city, village or town fire department has failed to satisfy the requirements of this

subsection or subs. (3) to (6) is not eligible to receive fire denartment dues under sub.

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(4), the department shall nonetheless pay fire department dues for that calendar year to that the city, village or town to the year in which those fire departments the department shall issue a notice of noncompliance to the chief the <u>applicable</u> governing body& the <u>highest elected</u> official of the city, village or town. If mayor, village president or town chairperson, as applicable! and to each fire department providing fire protection or fire prevention services to the city, village or town. After the department issues a notice of noncompliance to a city, village or town. the city, village or town is not entitled to fire department dues until the fire department cannot demonstrate city, village or town demonstrates to the department that the fire department least requirements within one year after receipt of the notice or prior to the next audit by the department, whichever is later, the city, village or town shall not be entitled to dues under par. (a) for that year in which the city, village or town becomes not entitled to dues and for all subsequent calendar years until the requirements are met city, village or town is eligible to receive fire denartment dues under sub. (4). **SECTION** 32. 101.575 (1) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 101.575 (4) (a) 3. and amended to read:

another city, village or town for fire protection and fire prevention services that comply with s. 101.14 (2) from another city, village or town is entitled to the dues specified in par. (a life the department determines that the each fire department furnishing the protection can that provides services comply within its the fire department's own limits territory and the fire prevention services comply with s. 101.14 (2).

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1	SECTION 33. 101.575 (1) (c) of the statutes is repealed.
2	SECTION 34. 101.575 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 101.577.
3	SECTION 35. 101.575 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is repealed.
4	SECTION 36. 101.575 (3) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 101.14 (2) (ag) and
5	101.14 (2) (ag) (intro.), 2. and 3., as renumbered, are amended to read:
6	101.14 (2) (ag)/No Every city, village or and town may receive fire department
0	dues under this section unless it has shall maintain or contract with a valuntary fire
8 9	department that holds a meeting at least once each month or apaid or partly paid
9	fire denartment with sufficient nersonnel ready for service at all times. Every city,
10	village and town shall ensure that all services reauired under this subsection are
11	provided for in the city, village or town and shall ensure that the city, village or town
12	receives services from a fire department which that satisfies all of the following
13	requirements:
14	2. Singly, or in combination with another fire department under a contract or
15	mutual aid agreement, can ensure the response of at least 4 fire fighters, none of
16	whom is the chief, to a first alarm for a building.
(17)	3. Provides a training program, as prescribed by dule of ther t m e ntby rule,
18	to fire fighters and inspectors who nrovide fire sunnression services. fire nrevention
19	inspections or public education with regard to fire safety.
20	SECTION 37. 101.575 (3) (b) of the statutes is repealed.
21	SECTION 38. 101.575 (4) (title) of the statutes is created to read:
22	101.575 (4) (title) ELIGIBILITY COLUMN WITHHELD PAYMENTS.
23	SECTION 39. 101.575 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
24	101.575 (4) (a) The department may not pay any fire department dues for any
25	yea&o-a Except as nrovided in sub. (7). a city, village, or town or fire-department

1	unless is eligible to receive fire denartment dues only if all of the following conditions
2	are satisfied:

1. The department determines that the city, village, <u>or</u> town or fire department has complied with sub. (6) this section and s. 101.14 (2), except that, for the purposes of making this determination, only 95% of the inspections required under s. 101.14 (2) need be provided for in the city, village or town.

2. The city, village or town has submitted a submits an audit form which is provided by the department and signed by the clerk of the city, village or town and by the chief of the each fire department providing fire protection and fire prevention services to that the city, village or town, which is provided by the department by rule and which certifies certifying that the fire department has complied with city, village or town satisfies the reauirements of this section or the department has audited the city, village, town or fire department and determined that it complies with sub. (6) and s. 101.14 (2), except that, for the nurnoses this subdivision, the audit form shall certify that at least 95% of the inspections required under s. 101.14 (2) were provided for in the city, village or town.

SECTION 40. 101.575 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 101.575 (4) (a) 4. and amended to read:

or agrees with another city, village or town, or any part thereof, for fire protection may be paid any fire department dues unless and fire prevention services, the contract or contracts are or agreements shall be sufficient to provide fire protection to the entire city, village or town for which the fire protection service is and fire prevention services are being provided.

SECTION 41. 101.575 (6) (title) of the statutes is created to read:

1	101.575 (6) (title) USE of fire department dues.
2	SECTION 42. 101.575 (6) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
3	101.575 (6) (a) (intro.) No city, village or town maintaining a fire department
4	under this section may use any fire denartment dues received under s. 101.573 and
5	this section for any purpose except the direct provision of the following:
6	SECTION 43. 101.575 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
7 8 9	prevention services under a contract or agreement with another city, village or town, both municipalities may receive fire department dues under sub. (1) (a). Any city,
10	village or town that contracts for receives fire protection service services under a
11	contract or agreement with another city, village or town shall give all fire denartment
12	dues received under s. 101.573 and this section to the fire-department city, village
13	or town providing the fire protection service services. That fire department city,
14	village or town shall use those fire department dues for any of the purposes specified
15	in par. (a) 1. to 4.
16	SECTION 44. 101.577 (title) of the statutes is created to read:
17	101.577 (title) Liability of city or village for fire department services
18	outside of boundaries.
19	SECTION 45. 101.645 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:
20	101.645 (1) DEFINITION. In this section, "smoke detector" means a device that
21	detects particles or products of combustion other than heat.
22	SECTION 46. 101.645 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
(23)	101.645 (2) Approval and installation Smoke detectors approved for use. $\stackrel{\checkmark}{A}$
24	Only a smoke detector required that is approved by Understands Laboratory, Inc.
25	or any other independent testing laboratory, may be used to satisfy the requirements

1	under this section shall be approved and installed as required under s. 101.145 (2)
2	and (3) (a) <u>sub. (3)</u> .
3	SECTION 47. 101.645 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
4	101.645 (3) REQUIREMENT REQUIREMENTS. The owner of a dwelling shall install
5	a functional smoke detector in the basement of the dwelling and on each floor level
6	except the attic or storage area of each dwelling unit. The owner shall install each
7	smoke detector reauired under this subsection according to the directions and
(8)	specifications of the manufacturer of the smoke detector. Except as otherwise
9	provided in this subsection, the occupant of such a dwelling unit shall maintain any
10	smoke detector in that unit, except that if If any occupant who is not other than the
11	owner, or $\underline{\mathbf{if}}$ any state, county, city, village or town officer, agent or employe charged
12	under statute or municipal ordinance with powers or duties involving inspection of
13	real or personal property, gives written notice to the owner that the smoke detector
14	is not functional the owner shall provide, within 5 days after receipt of that notice,
15	any maintenance necessary to make that smoke detector functional.
16	SECTION 48. 101.745 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:
17	101.745 (1) DEFINITION . In this section, "smoke detector" has the meaning given
18	in s. 101.645 (1).
19	SECTION 49. 101.745 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
20	101.745 (2) APPROVAL SMOKE DETECTORS APPROVED FORUSE. MONING Smoke
21	detector required under this section shall be that is approved by underwriters
22	laboratory Underwriters Laboratory, Inc. or any other independent testing
23	laboratory. may be used to satisfy the reauirement under sub. (4).
24	SECTION 50. 101.925 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

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1	101.925 (1) Definition. In this section, "smoke detector" has the meaning given
2	in s. 101.645 (1).
3	SECTION 51. 101.925 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
4	101.925 (2) APPROVAL SMOKE DETECTORS APPROVED FOR USE. A Only a smoke
5	detector required under this section shall be that is approved by underwriters
6	laboratory Underwriters Laboratory. Inc., or any other independent testing
7	laboratory, may be used to satisfy the requirement under sub. (4).
8	SECTION 52. 101.972 of the statutes is amended to read:
9	101.972 Multifamily dwelling code council duties. The multifamily
10	dwelling code council shall review the rules for multifamily dwelling construction
11	and recommend a uniform multifamily dwelling code for promulgation by the
12	department. To the extent feasible, the council shall recommend a uniform
13	multifamily dwelling code that is consistent with nationally recognized standards for
14)	building heights and areas! means of egress, fire protection and the use of fire
15	resistant materials and construction methods. The council shall consider and make
16	recommendations to the department pertaining to rules and any other matters
17	related to this subchapter. The council shall identify, consider and make
18	recommendations to the department regarding variances in the rules for different
19	climate and soil conditions and the variable conditions created by building and
20	population densities.
21	SECTION 53. 101.973 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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8	department dues are computed. Payments of quarterly instalments of the total
9	estimated payment for the then current calendar year under this subsection are due
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12	Overpayments will be credited on the amount due April 15. The commissioner shall,
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60.55(1)

(1) General authority.

60.55(1)(a)

(a) (intro.) The town board shall provide for fire protection for the town. Fire protection for the town, or any portion of the town, may be provided in any manner, including:

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60.55(1)(a)1.

1. Establishing a town fire department.

60.55(1)(a)2.

2. Joining with another town, village or city to establish a joint fire department. If the town board establishes a joint fire department with a village under s. 61.65 (2) (a) 3., the town board shall create a joint board of fire cornmissioners with the village under s. 61.65 (2) (b) 2.

60.55(1)(a)3.

3. Contracting with any person,

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4. Utilizing a fire company organized under ch. 2 13.

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61.65(2)(a)

(a) (intro.) Except as provided under <u>s. 61.66</u>, each village with a population of 5,500 or more shall provide fire protection services by one of the following methods:

61.65(2)(a)1.

1. Creating its own fire department.

61.65(2)(a)2:

2. Contracting for fire protection services with a city or town or with another village. A village that contracts for fire protection services shall pay the full cost of services provided.

61.65(2)(a)3.

3. Creating a joint fire department with a city or town or with another village.

61.65(2)(a)4.

4. Utilizing a fire company organized under ch. 213, except that this subdivision does not apply in a village that provides fire protection services under subd. 1. on December 9, 1993.

61.66

61.66 Combined protective services.

61.66(1)

(1) (intro.) Notwithstanding s. 61.65 (1) (a), (2) (a) and (3g) (d) 2., any village with a population of less than 20,000 may provide police and fire protection services by any of the following:

61.66(1)(a)

(a) A department which is neither a police department under <u>s. 61.65 (1) (a)</u> nor a fire department under <u>s. 61.65 (2) (a)</u>, which was created prior to January 1, 1987, and in which the same person may be required to perform police protection and fire protection duties without being required to perform police protection duties for more than 8 hours in each 24 hours except in emergency situations, as specified under s. 62.13 (7n).

'61.66(1)(b)

(b) Persons in a police department or fire department who, alone or in combination with persons designated as police officers or fire fighters, may be required to perform police protection and fire protection duties without being required to perform police protection duties for more than 8 hours in each 24 hours except in emergency situations, as specified under <u>s. 62.13 (7n)</u>, if those persons were required to perform those duties prior to January 1, 1987.

61.66(2)

(2) The governing body of a village acting under <u>sub. (1)</u> may designate any person required to perform police protection and fire protection duties under <u>sub. (1)</u> as primarily a police officer or fire fighter for purposes of <u>s. 891.45</u> or <u>891.455</u>.

62.13



62.13 Police and fire departments.

62.13(1)

(1) Commissioners. Except as provided in <u>sub. (2m)</u>, each city shall have a board of police and fire commissioners consisting of 5 citizens, 3 of whom shall constitute a quorum. The mayor shall annually, between the last Monday of April and the first Monday of May, appoint in writing to be filed with the secretary of the board, one member for a term of 5 years. No appointment shall be made which will result in more than 3 members of the board belonging to the same political party. The board shall keep a record of its proceedings.

62.13(2)

(2) Exception.

62.13(2)(a)

(a) Except as provided under <u>sub.</u> (6m), <u>subs.</u> (1) to (6) shall not apply to cities of less than 4,000 population except by ordinance adopted by a majority of all the members of the council. A repealing ordinance may be adopted by a like vote.

62.13(2)(b)

(b) A city that creates a joint police or fire department with a village under <u>s. 61.65</u> is not required to create a separate board of police and fire commissioners under this section. The city shall create a joint board of commissioners to govern the joint department, as required in <u>s.</u>

<u>If 1the</u> city also creates one separate protective services department in addition to the joint protective services department, the city shall create a separate board of commissioners to govern that department. A city's joint board of commissioners is subject to <u>s. 61.65 (3g) (d)</u>. A city's separate board of commissioners is subject to this section.

62.13(2m)

(2m) Joint departments, contract services.

62.13(2m)(a)

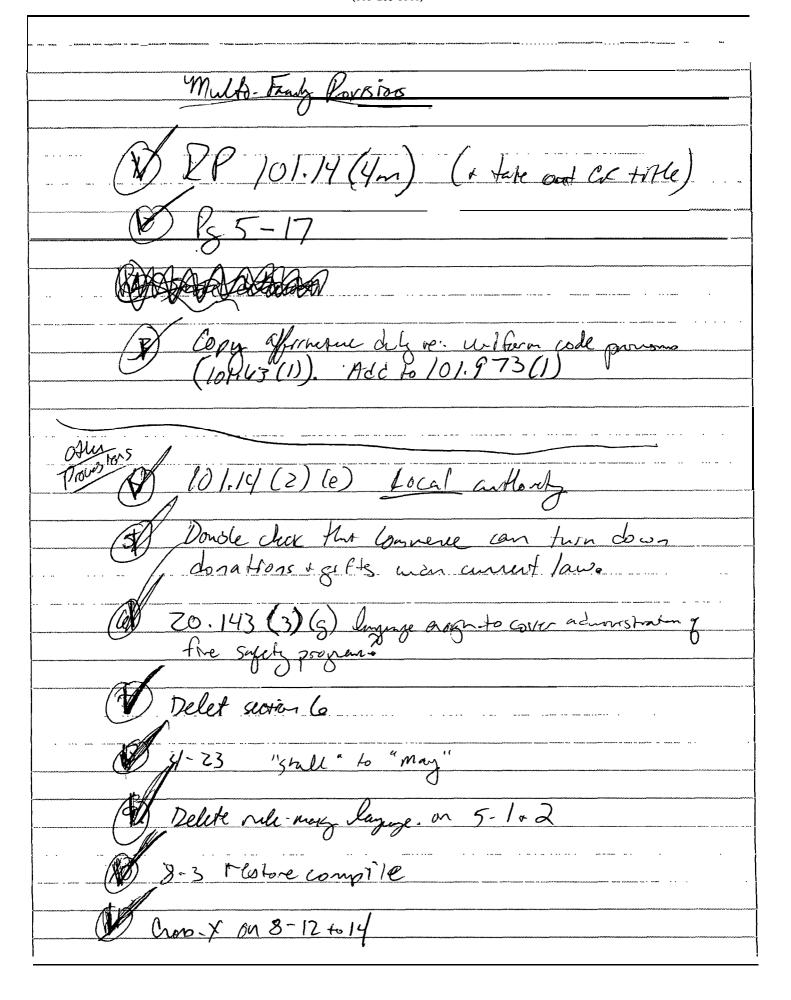
(a) A city may create a joint police department or a joint fire department, or both, with another city.

62.13(2m)(b)

(b) A city that creates a joint police department or a joint fire department, or both, with another city under <u>par. (a)</u> is not required to create a separate board of police and fire commissioners under this section. The cities shall create a joint board of commissioners to govern the joint department. If only one joint department is created, each city shall retain its existing board of police and fire commissioners to govern the separate department. The cities may jointly determine the number of commissioners to be appointed to the joint board by each city and the length of the commissioners' terms. A majority of the commissioners is a quorum. A joint board of commissioners that is created under this paragraph to govern a joint police department is subject to the provisions of <u>subs. (3)</u> to (7n), a joint board of commissioners that is created under this paragraph to govern a joint fire department is subject to the provisions of <u>subs. (8)</u> to (12) and a joint board of commissioners that is created under this paragraph to govern a joint police and fire department is subject to the provisions of subs. (2) to (12).

62.13(3)

- (3) **Chiefs.** The board shall appoint the chief of police and the chief of the fire department, who shall hold their offices during good behavior, subject to suspension or removal by the board for cause.
- 66.069(2)(e)
- (e) Any town, village or city owning a public utility, or the board of any municipal utility appointed under s. 66.068, may enter into agreements with any other such towns, villages or cities, or any other such boards of municipal utilities, for mutual aid in the event of an emergency or disaster in any of their respective service areas. Such agreements may include, but are not limited to, provisions for the movement of employes and equipment in and between the service areas of the various participating municipalities for the purpose of rendering such aid and, for the reimbursement of a municipality rendering such aid by the municipality receiving the aid.



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family and 2-family dwellings that are accessible to persons with disabilities, as defined in s. 106.04 (Im) (g), and shall make recommendations to the department for any changes to the uniform dwelling code that may be needed to ensure an adequate supply of one-family and 2-family dwellings. Upon its own initiative or at the request of the department, the council shall consider and make recommendations to the department pertaining to rules and any other matters related to this subchapter. The council shall recommend variances for different climate and soil conditions throughout the state.

History: 1975 c. 404: 1991 a. 295; 1995 a. 27.

101.625 Contractor financial responsibility council; duties. The contractor financial responsibility council shall recommend for promulgation by the department rules for certifying the financial responsibility of contractors under s. 101.654. These rules shall include rules providing for the assessment of fees upon applicants for certification of financial responsibility under s. 101.654 and for the suspension and revocation of that certification. The amount of the fees recommended under this section may not exceed an amount that is sufficient to defray the costs incurred in certifying the financial responsibility of applicants under s. 101.654.

History: 1993 a. 126.

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- (1) Adopt rules which establish standards for the construction and inspection of one- and 2-family dwellings and components thereof. Where feasible, the standards used shall be those nationally recognized and shall apply to the dwelling and to its electrical, heating, ventilating, air conditioning and other systems, including plumbing, as defined in s. 145.01 (10). No set of rules may be adopted which has not taken into account the conservation of energy in construction and maintenance of dwellings and the costs of specific code provisions to home buyers in relationship to the benefits derived from the provisions.
- (Im) Adopt a rule which requires any one- and 2-family dwelling which uses electricity for space heating to be superinsulated
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- (3m) Contract with a private organization to provide education regarding construction standards and inspection requirements under this subchapter and under rules promulgated under this subchapter to builders of dwellings in this state. The departmenf may only contract with an organization under this subsection if the organization is described in section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from 'federal income tax under section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - (5) Biennially review the rules adopted under this subchapter.

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- (7) Prescribe and furnish to municipalities a standard building permit form for all new one- and 2-family dwellings. The standard permit form shall include a space in which the municipal authority issuing the permit shall insert the name and license number of the master plumber engaged in supervising the installation of plumbing or installing the plumbing at a new one- or 2-family dwelling.
- (8) Hear petitions regarding the dwelling code, rules and special orders in accordance with s. 101.02 (6) (e) to (i) and (8).
- (9) Establish by rule a schedule of fees sufficient to defray the costs incurred under this **subchapter**.

History: 1975 **c.** 404; **1979 c.** 221; **1981** c. **20**; 1983 a. 27; 1983 a. 189 s. 329 (8); 1987 a. 343; 1993 a. 26, 126,414; 1999 a. 9.

101.64 Departmental powers. The department may:

- (1) Hold hearings on any matter relating to this subchapter and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence at such hearings.
- (2) At the request of the owner or renter enter, inspect and examine dwellings, dwelling units or premises necessary to ascertain compliance with the rules and special orders under this subchapter.
- (3) Revise the rules under this subchapter after consultation with the dwelling code council or with the contractor financial responsibility council, as appropriate.
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- (5) Collect and publish data secured from the building permits
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- (8) Study the operation of the dwelling construction code and other laws related to the construction of dwelling units to determine their impact upon the cost of building construction and their effectiveness upon the health, safety and welfare of the occupants. History: 1975 c. 404; 1993 a. 126.
- **101.645 Smoke detectors. (1)** DEFINITION. The definition of "smoke detector" under s. 101.145 (1) (c) also applies to this section.
- **(2)** APPROVAL AND INSTALLATION. A smoke detector required under this section shall be approved and installed as required under s. 101.145 (2) and (3) (a).
- (3) REQUIREMENT. The owner of a dwelling shall install a functional smoke detector in the basement of the dwelling and on each floor level except the attic or storage area of each dwelling unit. The occupant of such a dwelling unit shall maintain any smoke detector in that unit, except that if any occupant who is not the owner, or any state, county, city, village or town officer, agent or employe charged under statute or municipal ordinance with powers or duties involving inspection of real or personal property, gives written notice to the owner that the smoke detector is not functional the owner shall provide, within 5 days after receipt of that notice, any maintenance necessary to make that smoke detector functional.
- **(4)** INSPECTION. The department or a municipal authority may inspect new dwellings, may inspect the common areas of dwellings and, at the request of the owner or renter, may inspect the interior of a dwelling unit in a dwelling to ensure compliance with this section.

History: 1977 c. 388; 1983 a. 189 s. 329 (4); 1987 a. 376; 1989 a. 109. This section is a safety statute the violation of which constitutes negligence per se. Johnson v. Blackbum, 220 Wis. 2d 260,582 N.W.2d 488 (Ct. App. 1998).

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- (d) The department may prepare and provide suitable forms for distribution to the school systems in the state, for the purpose of providing uniform reports on fire drills conducted during the year in accordance with s. 118.07 (2).
- (2) (a) The chief of the fire department in every city, village or town, except cities of the 1st class, is constituted a deputy of the department, subject to the right of the department to relieve any such chief from duties as such deputy for cause, and upon such suspension to appoint some other person to perform the duty imposed upon such deputy. The department may appoint either the chief of the fire department or the building inspector as its deputy in cities of the 1st class.
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- 2. In 1 st class cities, the fire chief may establish the schedule of fire inspections in that city. The fire chief shall base the frequency of the inspections on hazardous classification, the proportion of public area, the record of fire code violations, the ratio of occupancy to size and any other factor the chief deems significant. Property other than residential property with 4 dwelling units or less shall be inspected at least once annually.
- (cm) In addition to the requirements of pars. (b) and (c), a fire department shall provide public fire education services.
- (d) The chief of every fire department, or, in 1 st class cities, the building inspector appointed by the department under par. (a), shall designate a sufficient number of inspectors to make the inspections required under pars. (b) and (c).
- (e) Written reports of inspection shall be made and kept on file by the authority having jurisdiction to conduct inspections, or its designee, in the manner and form required by the department.
- (f) Every inspection required under pars. (b) and (c) is subject to the supervision and direction of the department, which shall, after audit, certify to the commissioner of insurance after the expiration of each calendar year each city, village or town where the inspections for the year have been made, and where records have been made and kept on file as required under par. (e).
- (3) The department shall annually conduct training sessions and provide manuals and other materials and services to assist deputies and inspectors in the fulfillment of their duties under sub. (2).
- (4) (a) The department shall make rules, pursuant to ch. 227, requiring owners of places of employment and public buildings to install such fire detection, prevention or suppression devices as will protect the health, welfare and safety of all employers, employes and frequenters of places of employment and public buildings
- (b) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., the rules of the department shall require all such places and buildings over 60 feet in height, the construction of which is begun after July 3, 1974, to contain an automatic fire sprinkler system on each floor.
- 2. a. Subdivision 1. does not apply to any open parking structure, as defined by the department.

- b. If the department determines that water would cause irreparable damage and undue economic loss if discharged in such places or buildings, it shall require a suppression device which has a substance other than water.
- c. Subdivision 1. does not apply to any building over 60 feet in height the construction of which is completed or is begun prior to July 3, 1974.
- (c) 1. The rules of the department governing such places and buildings under 60 feet in height shall be based upon but may vary from those provisions in the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., building code which relate to fire detection, prevention and suppression in public buildings and places of employment.
- 2. Before the effective date of the rules promulgated under **subd**. l., as affected by 1983 Wisconsin Act 295, section 3, the department may grant a variance to any rule relating to automatic fire sprinklers and mandated under chapter 320, laws of 198 1, if the department first does both of the following:
- a. Consults with the chief of the fire department having authority over the place of employment or public building.
- b. Determines that the variance provides protection, substantially equivalent to that of the rules mandated by chapter 320, laws of 1981, of the health, safety and welfare of employers, employes and frequenters of the place of employment or public building.
- (d) To the extent that the historic building code applies to the subject matter of this subsection, each qualified historic building, as defined under s.101.121 (2) (c), is exempt from this subsection if the owner elects to be subject to s. 101.121.
- (dm) Each building required by rule under this subsection to contain fire detection, prevention and suppression devices shall have the necessary devices installed at the time of its construction.
- (e) Whoever violates this subsection may be fined not less than \$100 but not more than \$500 for each day of violation.
- (f) The department may inspect all buildings covered by this subsection and may issue such orders as may be necessary to assure compliance with it.
 - (g) As used in this subsection:
- 1. "Automatic fire sprinkler system" has the meaning provided in s. 145.01 (2).
- 2. "Fire detection, prevention and suppression devices" include but are not limited to manual fire alarm systems, smoke and heat detection devices, fire extinguishers, standpipes, automatic fire suppression systems and automatic fire sprinkler systems

(4m) (a) In this subsection:

- 1. "Automatic fire sprinkler system" has the meaning given in s. 145.01 (2).
 - 2. "Dwelling unit" has the meaning given in **s.** 101.61 (1).
- 3. "Multifamily dwelling" has the meaning given in s. 101.971 (2).
- 4. "Nondwelling unit portions" means the common use areas of a multifamily dwelling, including corridors, stairways, basements, cellars, vestibules, atriums, community rooms, laundry rooms or swimming pool rooms.
- 5. "Political subdivision" means a county, city, village or town.
- 5m. "Two-hour fire resistance" means 2-hour fire separations for all walls that separate dwelling units, exit corridors and exit stair enclosures and for all floors and ceilings, so that the specified walls, floors and ceilings are capable of resisting fire for a period not shorter than 2 hours.
- (am) A political subdivision may enact ordinances, as provided in this paragraph, that require an automatic fire sprinkler system or 2-hour fire resistance in every multifamily dwelling. Any ordinance enacted under this paragraph shall meet the standards established under pars. (b) and (c) or under pars. (d) and (e).

Marchant, Robert

From: Lippitt, John

Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2000 5:16 PM

To: Marchant, Robert

cc: DuPont, Robert; Starzyk, Samantha; Spooner, Christopher

Subject: RE: Fire dues bill

Rob:

Thank you for bringing these issues to our attention. We do not want to create any new mandates in ch. **60, 61, 62** or 66, Stats., at this time. The public policy issues concerning villages providing fire protection and fire prevention services may be addressed at another time. Please revise the proposal so the cities, villages and towns must ensure the services are provided as a condition to be eligible for a fire dues payment.

Call me at 6-I 036 if you would like to discuss this further, thanks.

John

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From: Marchant, Robert

Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2000 11:44 AM

To: Lippitt, John

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Subject: Fire dues bill

John--

I have discovered an issue that I need some help with. I apologize for the length of the **email** but the issue is complicated. I will outline the issue and then offer a potential solution.

As we discussed yesterday, the bill places all municipal requirements in s. 101.14 (2). Several of these requirements are in proposed s. 101.14 (2) (ag) (see Section 36 of the bill). Although these requirements are consistent with the fire protection requirements applicable to cities under ch. 62, I am concerned that the requirements in proposed s. 101.14 (2) (ag) in some cases are inconsistent with and, in limited instances, conflict with current town and village fire protection requirements in chs. 60 and 61.

For example, s. 60.55 (1) (a) requires every town to provide for fire protection services. Section 60.55 (1) (a) 3. and 4. authorize a town to obtain fire protection under contract with any person or through a fire company. Should s. 60.55 (1) (a) be amended to require a town to provide for fire protection and fire prevention services? Should the authority of a town to contract with any person be repealed, in light of proposed s. 101 .I 4 (2) (ag)'s requirement that a town maintain or contract with a volunteer fire department or with a paid or partly paid fire department? Should proposed s. 101 .14 (2) (ag) be changed to allow for a town to receive services from a fire *company*?

Different problems arise when you look at s. 61.65 (2) (a), which requires a village with a population of 5,500 or more to provide fire protection services. Under s. 61.65 (2) (a) **4.,** a village may provide these services through a fire company, unless the village had its own fire department on December 9, 1993.

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Again, should every village, regardless of population, be required to provide fire protection *and prevention* services under s. 61.65 (2) (a)? Should the bill incorporate the exception to a village's general authority to utilize a fire company if the village had a fire department on December 9, **1993?** Also, should proposed s. 101.**14** (2) (ag) be changed to allow for a village to receive services from a fire company consistent with s. 61.65 (2) (a)?

If the requirements in proposed s. 101 .I 4 (2) (ag) are intended to apply to every city, village and town, then I will need to amend the relevant provisions in chs. 60 to 66 to make the requirements consistent. If the requirements in proposed s. 101 .14 (2) (ag) are not intended to apply to every city, village or town, then the language in that section will need to be changed to reflect the department's actual intent.

If it is consistent with the department's intent, one option would be to delete the "maintain or contract with a volunteer or paid department" language and replace it with "provide for fire protection and fire prevention services as required under s. 60.XX, 61 .XX or 62.XX." I think you need to amend proposed s. 101.14 (2) (ag) 1. to read more like proposed s. 101.14 (2) (ag) 2. (as amended, it would read something like "has a designated chief and singly, or in combination, provides continuous fire protection in the city, village or town"). Each of the provisions in chs. 60 to 62

could then be amended to require a city, village and town to provide for fire protection and fire prevention services as required under **s**. 101.14 (2) (ag).

When you can make the time, could you review the sections noted above and let me know how the department intends to proceed? Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Thanks.

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