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AN ACT to amend 227.114 (1) (a), 227.114 (2) (intro.), 227.485 (2) (c) and 814.245 (5) (a) 2.; and to create 15.155 (5), 227.114 (6m), 227.114 (7m), 227.135 (1) (e), 227.14 (2m), 227.14 (2t), 227.15 (1m), 227.19 (3r), 227.22 (2) (e), 227.24 (3m), 227.30, 227.40 (2) (f) and 895.59 of the statutes; relating to: administrative rule making regarding small businesses, data used by administrative agencies in preparing proposed rules, increasing attorney fees, creating an Internet site for proposed rules, and creating a Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, an agency that proposes an administrative rule that affects small businesses (a business that employs fewer than 25 full—time employes or has gross annual sales of less than \$2,500,000), is required to consider ways to reduce the impact of the rule on small businesses, including creating less stringent compliance requirements for small businesses or exempting small businesses from the rule. Currently, the agency proposing the rule must give small businesses the opportunity to participate in the rule—making process. Agencies are also currently required to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule that affects a small business, including a summary of changes made in the rule as a result of suggestions by small businesses and the estimated costs that small businesses may incur to comply with the proposed rule.

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This bill creates a Small Business Regulatory Review Board and requires an agency to submit to that board any proposed rule that may have a significant economic impact on small businesses. The board is authorized to analyze the rule and notify the proposing agency if the board determines that the agency failed to consider ways to reduce the proposed rule's impact on small businesses or failed to properly prepare the regulatory flexibility analysis. The board may suggest ways that the agency can modify the rule and may return the rule to the agency if the rule does not detail how the rule will be enforced.

The bill redefines "small business" to include any business with 25 or fewer employees or with gross annual sales of less than \$5,000,000. The bill requires every agency, in cooperation with the Department of Administration, to ensure the accuracy, integrity, and consistency of the data that the agency uses when preparing a proposed rule. The bill gives small businesses the right to seek an injunction against the imposition of a penalty from an agency resulting from the small business's action that was incresponse to inaccurate information provided by the agency.

The bill requires the Joint Legislative Council to create an Internet site that includes a copy of each proposed rule that is submitted to the council. The site must be searchable and include a section devoted to proposed rules affecting small businesses, an electronic address and telephone number of an agency contact for a rule, the council's report on the proposed rule, the time and place of any public hearing on the proposed rule, and the place where comments may be submitted regarding a proposed rule.

The bill requires every state agency to review all of its rules during the next five years to determine if any of the rules place an unnecessary burden on small businesses, and to repeal or amend any rules that do so.

The bill also gives immunity from imposition of a penalty to any small business that voluntarily discloses information to the appropriate agency about a possible violation of an administrative rule if a number of conditions are met, including the business making the disclosure within 45 days after learning of the violation, making a good faith effort to comply with the rule, and cooperating with the agency in any resulting investigation. The immunity does not apply if the violation resulted in serious harm or in a substantial economic benefit to the violator which gave the violator an advantage over its business competitors.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

Section 1. 15.155 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

15.155 (5) SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD. There is created a small

business regulatory review board, attached to the department of commerce under s.

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a representative of the department of health and family services,

The board shall consist of a representative of the department of 15.03. administration, a representative of the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection, a representative of the department of commerce,) a representative of the department of natural resources, & representatives of small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), who shall be appointed for 3-year terms, and the chairpersons of one senate and one assembly committee concerned with small The representatives of the departments shall be selected by the secretary of that department.

Section 2. 227.114 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

227.114 (1) (a) In this section, "small business" means a business entity, including its affiliates, which is independently owned and operated and not dominant in its field, and which employs 25 or fewer than 25 full-time employees or which has gross annual sales of less than \$2,500,000. For purposes of a specific rule, an agency may define small business to include more employees or greater gross annual sales if necessary to adapt the rule to the needs and problems of small businesses. A "small business" may also be defined in accordance with other standards established by an agency by rule \$5,000,000.

Section 3. 227.114 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

227.114 (2) (intro.) When an agency proposes or revises a rule that may have an effect on small businesses, the agency shall consider each of the following methods for reducing the impact of the rule on small businesses:

Section 4. 227.114 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:

23 (5A-3) 227.114 (6m) If a small business is subject to a penalty from an administrative agency as the result of an action or omission by the small business) in response to

inaccurate or inconsistent advice given to the small business by an employee, officer,

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1	or agent of the agency, the small business may commence an action in the circuit
2	court for Dane County for injunctive relief. The circuit court may issue an order
3	enjoining the imposition of the penalty if the court determines that the action or
4 5	omission of the small business that resulted in the penalty was in response to the (5A-3) or failure of the agency to provide requested agency's inaccurate or inconsistent advice).
6	Section 5. 227.114 (7m) of the statutes is created to read:
7	227.114 (7m) The agency shall designate a small business regulatory
8	coordinator to act as a contact person for small business regulatory issues. The
9	agency shall include in the notice under s. 227.17 the electronic mail address and
10	telephone number of the small business regulatory coordinator and a link to an
11	Internet site that allows a person to review the rule and make comments regarding
12	the rule.
13	Section 6. 227.135 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
14	227.135 (1) (e) A description of all of the entities that will be affected by the rule.
15	Section 7. 227.14 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:
16	227.14 (2m) QUALITY OF AGENCY DATA. Each agency shall, in cooperation with
17	the department of administration, ensure the accuracy, integrity, and consistency of
18	the data that is used when preparing a proposed rule and when completing an
19	analysis of the proposed rule under sub. (2). Each agency shall reduce the amount
20	of cross-references to the statutes in proposed and final rules. A person affected by
21	the proposed rule may submit comments to the agency regarding the accuracy,
22	integrity, or consistency of that data.
23	Section 8. 227.14 (2t) of the statutes is created to read:
24	227.14 (2t) Enforcement provisions. Except as provided in subs. (1m) and (1s),

each proposed rule shall include provisions detailing how the rule will be enforced.

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1	If a proposed rule does not include enforcement provisions, the small business
2	regulatory review board may return the rule to the submitting agency for an
3	appropriate enforcement provision.
4	Section 9. 227.15 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:
5	227.15 (1m) Internet access to proposed rule. The joint legislative council
6	shall create and maintain an Internet site that includes a copy of each proposed rule
7	received under sub. (1) in a format that allows the site to be searched using keywords.
8	Each agency shall provide the joint legislative council with the proposed rules and
9	other information needed to comply with this subsection in the format required by
10	the joint legislative council. The Internet site shall include a section devoted to
11	proposed rules affecting small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1). The Internet
12	site shall also include all of the following:
13	(a) The electronic mail address and telephone number of an agency contact
14	person for each proposed rule.
15	(b) The material required under s. 227.14 (2), (3), and (4).
16	(c) The written report of the legislative council staff review of the proposed rule
17	prepared under sub. (2) and any agency comments regarding that report.
18	(d) The time, date, and place of any public hearing specified in the notice in s.
19	227.17 as soon as that notice is submitted to the revisor of statutes under s. 227.17
20	(1) (a).
21	(e) The place where comments on the proposed rule should be submitted and
22	the deadline for submitting those comments.
23	SECTION 10. 227.19 (3r) of the statutes is created to read:
	227.19 (3r) FISCAL EFFECT OF EMPROPERS RULE. On the same day that an agency

submits a notice under sub. (2) regarding a proposed rule that may have a significant

economic impact on small businesses, the agency shall submit the proposed rule and the report required under sub. (3) to the small business regulatory review board. The (s A-2) board may use cost-benefit analysis to determine the fiscal effect of the **energy rule** on small businesses and shall determine whether the agency has complied with sub. (3) (e) or s. 227.114. If the board determines that the agency failed to comply with sub. (3) (e) or s. 227.114, the board shall notify the agency of that determination and ask the agency to comply with those provisions. In addition, the board may submit suggested changes in the proposed rule to the agency, including proposals to reduce the use of cross-references in the rule. The board shall send a copy of any suggestions and of any notice of failure to comply with sub. (3) (e) or s. 227.114 to each committee to which the proposed rule was referred under sub. (2). The notification of noncompliance may include a request that the agency do any of the following:

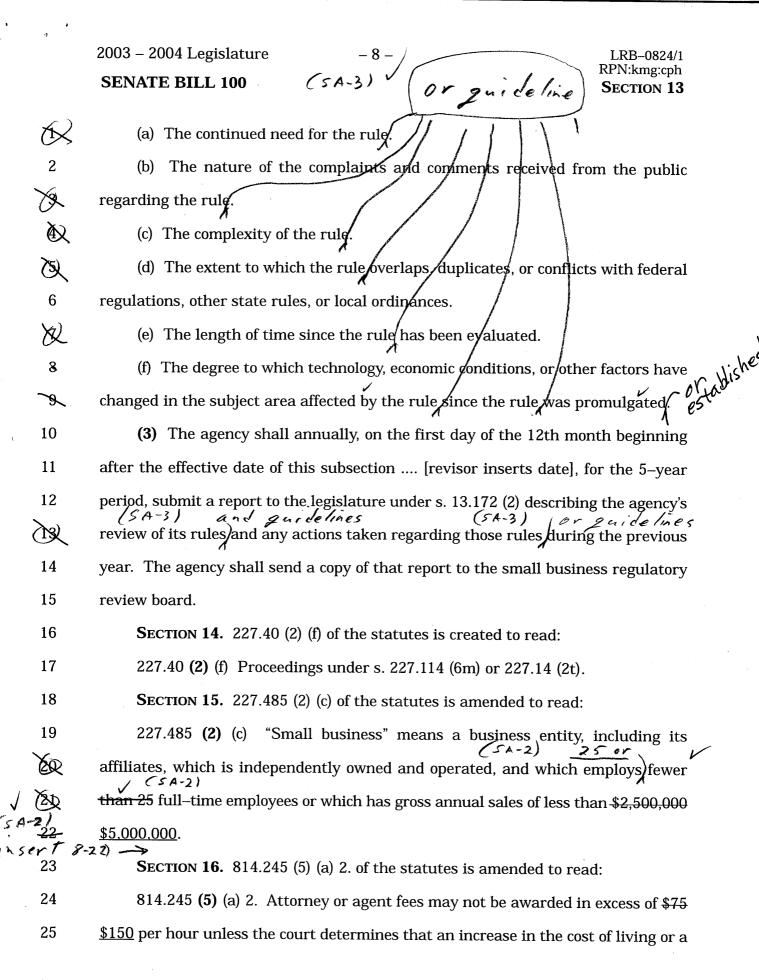
- (a) Explain why the agency has not incorporated comments received from small businesses regarding the proposed rule.
- (b) Verify that the proposed rule does not conflict with, overlap, or duplicate other rules or federal regulations.
- (c) Require the inclusion of fee information and fee schedules in the regulatory flexibility analysis, including why fees are necessary and for what purpose the fees will be used.
 - **Section 11.** 227.22 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
- 227.22 **(2)** (e) The rule has a significant economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), in which case the rule applies to small businesses on the first day of the 3rd month commencing after the date of publication.
 - **SECTION 12.** 227.24 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

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following:

227.24 (3m) REVIEW BY THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD. On the
same day that the agency files a rule under sub. (3) that may have a significant
economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), the agency shall
submit a copy of the rule to the small business regulatory review board. The board
may use cost-benefit analysis to determine the fiscal effect of the emergency rule on
small businesses and shall determine whether the agency complied with s. 227.114
or 227.19 (3) (e). If the board determines that the agency failed to comply with s.
227.114 or 227.19 (3) (e), the board shall notify the agency of that determination and
ask the agency to comply with those provisions. In addition, the board may submit
suggested changes in the proposed rule to the agency. The notification of
noncompliance may include a request that the agency do any of the following:
(a) Explain why the agency has not incorporated comments received from small
businesses regarding the emergency rule.
(b) Verify that the emergency rule does not conflict with, overlap, or duplicate
other rules or federal regulations.
SECTION 13. 227.30 of the statutes is created to read: (54-3) (B) or finite lines (227.30 Review of administrative rules (1) Each agency shall, during the
227.30 Review of administrative rules (1) Each agency shall, during the
5-year period beginning on the effective date of this subsection [revisor inserts (5A-3) and generalized (5A-3) or guidelines with date], review the rules of the agency to determine whether any of those rules place
an unnecessary burden on the ability of small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), $(5A-3)$ or gaideline to conduct their affairs. If an agency determines that a rule places an unnecessary
burden on the ability of a small business to conduct its affairs, the agency shall repeal the rule or amend the rule to remove the unnecessary burden. (2) In reviewing a rule under this section, the agency shall consider all of the



1	special factor, such as the limited availability of qualified attorneys or agents,
2	justifies a higher fee.
3	Section 17. 895.59 of the statutes is created to read:
4	895.59 Liability exemption; disclosure of rule violations. (1) In this
5	section:
6	(a) "Agency" has the meaning given in s. 227.01 (1).
7	(b) "Small business" has the meaning given in s. 227.114 (1).
8	(2) A small business that voluntarily discloses information to the appropriate
9	agency about an actual or potential violation of an administrative rule shall be
10	immune from the imposition of a civil or criminal penalty that could be imposed for
11	the violation if all of the following apply.
12	(a) The voluntary disclosure is made within 45 days after the small business
13	knew that an actual or potential violation occurred.
14	(b) The small business making the disclosure initiates an appropriate and good
15	faith effort to achieve compliance with the administrative rule, pursues compliance
16	with due diligence and promptly corrects the noncompliance after discovery of the
17	violation.
18	(c) The small business cooperates with any reasonable request by the agency
19	in any investigation that results from the disclosure.
20	(3) A penalty may be imposed for the violation of an administrative rule
21	notwithstanding sub. (2) if any of the following applies:
28)	(a) The violation resulted in serious harm or insight and substantial
23	endangerment to public health, safety, or welfare.
24	(b) The violation resulted in a substantial economic benefit that gave the
25	violator a clear advantage over its business competitors.

1	(c) The small business that committed the violation has a pattern of continuous
2	or repeated violations of administrative rules.
3	Section 18. Nonstatutory provisions.
4	(1) Notwithstanding the length of terms specified for the representatives of
5	small businesses of the small business regulatory review board under section 15.155
6	(5) of the statutes, as created by this act, 3 of the initial representatives of small
X	businesses shall be appointed for terms expiring on May 1, 2005, and the other Z
8	initial representatives of small businesses shall be appointed for terms expiring on
9	May 1, 2006.
10	SECTION 19. Initial applicability.
11	(1) This act first applies to to rules submitted to the joint legislative council staff
12	on the effective date of this subsection.
13	Section 20. Effective date.
14	(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after
15	publication.
16	(END)

SENATE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2003 SENATE BILL 100

May 23, 2003 – Offered by Committee on Homeland Security, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform.

At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

5 **3.** Page 10, line 7: substitute "other 3" for "other 2".

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SENATE AMENDMENT 2,

TO 2003 SENATE BILL 100

May 23, 2003 – Offered by Committee on Homeland Security, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform.

- 1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:
- 2 Page 5, line 24: delete "EMERGENCY".
- 3 Page 6, line 3: delete "emergency".
- 4 Page 8, line 20: delete "fewer" and substitute "25 or fewer".
- 5 Page 8, line 21: delete "than 25" and substitute "than 25".
- 6 Page 8, line 22: after that line insert:

7 "SECTION 15t. 814.245 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

814.245 (2) (b) "Small business" means a business entity, including its affiliates, which is independently owned and operated, and which employs 25 or fewer than 25 full-time employees or which has gross annual sales of less than

11 \$2,500,000 \$5,000,000.".

SENATE AMENDMENT 3, TO 2003 SENATE BILL 100

September 23, 2003 – Offered by Senator Welch.

1	At the locations mulcated, amend the onl as follows:
2	$\sqrt{1}$. Page 3, line 24: after "business" insert "due to the failure by the agency to
3	provide requested advice or".
4	2. Page 4, line 5: after "advice" insert "or failure of the agency to provide
5	requested advice".
6	3. Page 7, line 17: after "rules" insert "or guidelines".
7	$\sqrt{4}$. Page 7, line 19: delete that line and substitute "date], review the rules and
8	guidelines of the agency to determine whether any of those rules or guidelines place".
9	5. Page 7, line 21: after "rule" insert "or guideline".
10	$\sqrt{6}$. Page 7, line 23: delete that line and substitute "the rule or guideline or
11	amend the rule or guideline to remove the unnecessary burden.".

7. Page 7, line 24: after "rule" insert "or guideline".

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- 2 **9.** Page 8, line 3: after "rule" insert "or guideline".
- 3 **10.** Page 8, line 4: after "rule" insert "or guideline".
- 4 **11.** Page 8, line 5: after "rule" insert "or guideline".
- 5 **12.** Page 8, line 7: after "rule" insert "or guideline".
- Page 8, line 9: delete "by the rule since the rule was promulgated" and substitute "by the rule or guideline since the rule or guideline was promulgated or established".
 - 14. Page 8, line 13: delete that line and substitute "review of its rules and guidelines and any actions taken regarding those rules or guidelines during the previous".
- 12 \(\sqrt{15.}\) Page 9, line 22: delete "in imminent and substantial".

13 (END)

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