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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated October 2002.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. In existing s. NR 64.14 (2) (a) and (b), the initial phrase of each paragraph is formatted as a title--that is, it is written in italics. This is incorrect, since those phrases contain the main substance of the paragraphs. Since titles are not a part of a rule, this means that the main provisions, technically, are not stated in the rule. The rule-making order changes this by removing the italics. While this is clearly an improvement on the rule, it is not done in the right manner. The rule should strike through the italicized phrases, as they appear in the current rule, and reinsert the same phrases with the changed dollar amounts, but without italics and with underscoring.