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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Legislative Council Staff and the Legislative Reference Bureau, dated November 2020.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. In SECTION 51, “(L)” should be removed from the reference to “subd. (L) 1. or 2.”, because the reference is to a subdivision within the same paragraph of the rule. [See s. 1.15 (2) (c), Manual.]

b. The treatment clause in SECTION 57 should end with a period.

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

Is the fee adjustment provision created in s. NR 410.03 (5) likely to cause confusion relative to the general structure of the proposed rule? For example, after July 1, 2030, as proposed, any fee referenced as applying “after July 1, 2027” will no longer be the actual fee imposed by the rule. Several options for revision could improve the long-term clarity of the proposed fee structure. For example, notes could be inserted following the fees, to raise awareness of the adjustment process under s. NR 410.03 (5), the provisions specifying fees “after July 1, 2027” could be revised to reference adjustment under s. NR 410.03 (5), or a third category of fees could be created to identify each fee as further adjusted under s. NR 410.03 (5), along with future notes specifying the then-current fees. Section 1.12 (2) (b) of the Manual describes a process by which notes may be updated by the Legislative Reference Bureau.