

**FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
DOA-2048 (R06/99)

ORIGINAL  
 CORRECTED

UPDATED  
 SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
Chs. Comm. 5, 18 and 81 to 84  
Amendment No. if Applicable

**Subject**

Wisconsin Uniform Plumbing Code

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation

or affects a sum sufficient appropriation

Increase Existing Appropriation

Decrease Existing Appropriation

Create New Appropriation

Increase Existing Revenues

Decrease Existing Revenues

Increase Costs - May be Possible to Absorb  
Within Agency's Budget  Yes  No

Decrease Costs

**Local:**  No local government costs

1.  Increase Costs  
 Permissive  Mandatory

2.  Decrease Costs  
 Permissive  Mandatory

3.  Increase Revenues  
 Permissive  Mandatory

4.  Decrease Revenues  
 Permissive  Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:  
 Towns  Villages  Cities

Counties  Others \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Districts  WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

GDP  FFD  DPO  DPC  SFC  SFC S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Not applicable

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The Safety and Buildings Division is responsible for administering and enforcing rules relating to the design, installation or construction, inspection and maintenance of plumbing. The proposed rules consist of updates of chapters Comm 81 to 84, Wisconsin Uniform Plumbing Code.

The proposed rules relating to plan review and thresholds would have a minimal direct impact on small business. Plan review fees for a plumbing plan project involving 11 to 15 plumbing fixtures will vary on several factors, including the type of fixtures involved and the size of the building drain and water service. The department estimates that a plan submitter of these types of projects may incur fees of \$200 to \$300.

An assessment of the department's resources relating to the review of plumbing plans indicates that the department has the capacity to review more projects at this time. The department estimates that lowering of the threshold from 16 plumbing fixtures to 11 fixtures requiring plan review would result in an average annual revenue increase of \$198,000.

The department anticipates that the workload associated with the proposed code change can be managed with current information technology and within current staff levels. In addition, the proposed rule do not increase or decrease the administrative and enforcement aspects at the state and local level.

The proposed rules will not have a significant effect on the private sector.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

No long-range fiscal implications are anticipated.

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