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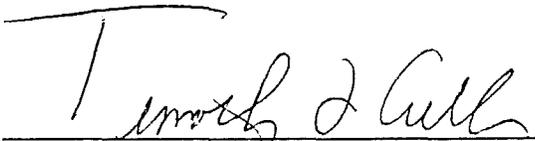
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STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES)

I, Timothy F. Cullen, Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services and custodian of the official records of the Department, do hereby certify that the annexed rules relating to recreational and educational camps were duly approved and adopted by this Department on September 17, 1987.

I further certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original on file in the Department and that this copy is a true copy of the original, and of the whole of the original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at the State Office Building, 1 W. Wilson Street, in the city of Madison, this 17th day of September, 1987.



Timothy F. Cullen, Secretary
Department of Health and Social Services

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Order of the
Department of Health and Social Services
Amending Rules

To amend HSS 175.03(3), 175.12(1) and (5)(d) and 175.13(5), relating to recreational and educational camps.

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Health and Social Services

The Department recently revised its rules for recreational and educational camps, ch. HSS 175. One change made at that time has since presented enforcement problems for the Department and compliance problems for various groups sponsoring short-term overnight camping. The definition of "camp" was modified to encompass short-term camping events, that is, one to 2 night camp-outs for Scouts, 4-H groups, school groups, church groups and similar limited stay groups. These camping experiences had previously been exempt from being regulated as camps. With the change, they were made subject to all the requirements of ch. HSS 175. This order restores the previous exemption of short-term camping experiences, except that a short-term camping experience is now understood as up to 3 nights.

The order also changes the required staff members to campers ratio, now 1:8, to be 1:10 so that it is the same in Wisconsin as in most other states; recognizes that adult campers and staff members are responsible for keeping track of and taking their personal medications; and clarifies that whereas the overall staff to swimmer ratio at the waterfront must be 1:10, only one staff member needs to have a lifesaving certificate when there are no more than 50 persons in the water.

The Department's authority to amend these rules is found in s. 140.05(3), Stats. The rules interpret s. 140.05(1) and (17), Stats.

SECTION 1. HSS 175.03(3) is amended to read:

HSS 175.03(3) "Camp" means the a premises, including temporary and permanent structures, which is operated as an overnight living quarters where both food and lodging or facilities for food and lodging are provided for children or adults, or both children and adults, for a period which includes 4 or more consecutive nights of lodging, for a planned program of recreation or education, and which is offered free of charge or for payment of a fee by a person or by the state or a local unit of government.

SECTION 2. HSS 175.12(1) and (5)(d) are amended to read:

HSS 175.12(1) CAMPER SUPERVISION. One staff member, 18 years of age or older, excluding kitchen and maintenance staff, shall be provided for every 8 10 campers under age 18, except that for campers 6 years of age and under the ratio shall be one to 4.

(5)(d) ~~In addition to~~ Either the waterfront director, or a staff person who is certified as stated in par. (c) shall be on duty at the waterfront for every 50 persons or fraction thereof in the water. ~~Additional training specific to the needs of the swimming area is the responsibility of the waterfront director.~~ There shall be an overall ratio of one staff person at the waterfront for every 10 persons in the water.

SECTION 3. HSS 175.13(5) is amended to read:

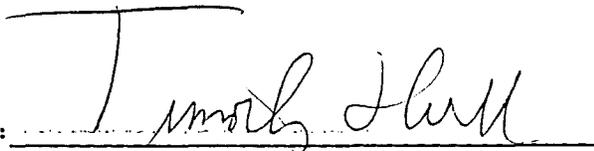
HSS 175.13(5) MEDICATIONS. All medications brought to camp by a camper or staff member under 18 years of age shall be in containers which identify the medications and the camper or staff member, shall be kept in a locked unit and shall be administered by the camp health supervisor as prescribed by a licensed physician with a record of treatment maintained. Each camper or staff member 18 years of age or older shall be responsible for the security of his or her personal medication.

The amendments contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22(2), Stats.

Wisconsin Department of Health
and Social Services

Date: September 17, 1987

By: _____



Timothy F. Cullen
Secretary

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September 17, 1987

Mr. Orlan Prestegard
Revisor of Statutes
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Dear Mr. Prestegard:

As provided in s. 227.20, Stats., there is hereby submitted a certified copy of HSS 175, administrative rules relating to recreational and educational camps.

These rules are also being submitted to the Secretary of State as required by s. 227.20, Stats.

These rule changes will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

Sincerely,

Timothy F. Cullen
SECRETARY

Enclosure