

State of Wisconsin



2023 Senate Bill 186

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2023 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT *to create* 101.12 (1m) and 145.02 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** procedures for reviewing commercial building plans.

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

SECTION 1. 101.12 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

101.12 (1m) (a) For an examination of essential drawings, calculations, and specifications by the department under this section, an owner may select to have the examination appointment scheduled at one of the following times:

1. If the owner submits complete essential drawings, calculations, and specifications and pays all plan examination fees at the time of scheduling, the next available appointment.

2. If the owner pays all plan examination fees at the time of scheduling, a single date in the future.

(b) The department shall schedule an examination appointment for the time selected by an owner under par. (a).

(c) 1. If an owner selects a single date in the future for an examination appointment under par. (a) 2., the owner shall submit complete essential drawings, calculations, and specifications to the department at least 3 business days before the date of the examination appointment.

2. a. If an owner cancels an examination appointment at least 20 business days before the appointment, the department shall refund to the owner all of the examination fees paid.

b. Except as provided in subd. 2. c., the department may not refund examination fees paid by an owner if the owner cancels the examination appointment within 20 days of the appointment.

c. If an owner pays more than \$5,000 for an examination fee and cancels the examination appointment within 20 business days of the appointment, the department shall refund to the owner the difference between the examination fee paid by the owner and \$5,000.

(d) The department shall provide on the form for submitting to the department essential drawings, calculations, and specifications under this section a place for an owner to identify any previously approved essential drawings, calculations, and specifications that are substantially similar to those submitted by the owner.

SECTION 2. 145.02 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

145.02 (6) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), the department may not require examination by the department of plumbing plans and specifications for a plumbing installation, addition, or alteration if the plans and specifications include not more than 20 plumbing fixtures and the plans and specifications were prepared by any of the following:

1. A person who is registered as an architect or professional engineer under ch. 443.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

2. A person who holds a designer permit under s. 443.07 in the field of plumbing systems.

3. A licensed master plumber.

4. A licensed master plumber (restricted).

5. A utility contractor.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to plumbing plans and specifications that include any of the following:

1. An alternate or experimental plumbing system.

2. A reduced pressure backflow preventer or vacuum breaker.

3. A stormwater or clearwater infiltration system or a stormwater system that serves a drainage area of at least one acre.

4. A grease or oil interceptor or garage catch basin.

5. A sanitary dump station.

6. Piping designed to serve as a private water main.

7. A chemical waste system.

8. A wastewater holding device.

9. A supply and drain system for a manufactured home community or campground.

10. Piping designed to serve as a private interceptor main sewer.

11. Plumbing serving a hospital, nursing home, or ambulatory surgery center.

12. Any type of plumbing installation, addition, or alteration that the department determines, by rule, to pose a unique risk to the waters of the state or public health or safety.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of s. 101.12 (1m) first applies to essential drawings, calculations, and specifications submitted for examination under s. 101.12 on the effective date of this subsection.

(2) The treatment of s. 145.02 (6) first applies to plumbing plans and specifications submitted for examination under ch. 145 on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after publication.
