



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 94

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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The Department of Commerce (Commerce) administers various laws, including building codes, that promote safety in public and private buildings and the subsystems of those buildings. Senate Bill 94 requires Commerce to regulate the business of installing and maintaining thermal system insulation in commercial and industrial buildings and in residential buildings that contain four or more residential units. The bill defines “thermal system insulation” as a product used in a heating, ventilating, cooling, plumbing, or refrigeration system to insulate any hot or cold surface or equipment on or in a building.

The bill creates a thermal system insulation council consisting of the state thermal system insulation inspector, the Commerce Secretary or his or her designee, and the following members appointed for three-year terms:

- Two members who represent major insulation companies that sponsor an apprenticeship training program in installing and maintaining thermal system insulation that is approved by Commerce and that meets certain requirements of the Department of Workforce Development (DWD).
- One member who is an architect licensed to do business in this state with work experience in the area of indoor air quality.
- Two members who are thermal system insulation mechanics with at least 10 years of experience in the area of heat and frost insulation and who have successfully completed training in installing and maintaining thermal system insulation under an apprenticeship program that is approved by Commerce and that meets certain requirements of DWD.
- One member who is a general contractor in this state.

In addition, the bill provides that the legislation will take effect on the day after publication, or on the second day after publication of the 2009-11 Biennial Budget Act, whichever is later. However,

the bill also provides in SECTION 7, entitled "Fiscal Changes," that the budget for Commerce will be increased by \$78,100 for fiscal year 2008-09 and by \$78,100 for fiscal year 2009-10 to increase the authorized full-time equivalent positions for Commerce by 1.0 program revenue position to perform the responsibilities of the state thermal system insulation inspector.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1 provides that the fiscal changes proposed for 2008-09 and 2009-10 be changed to 2009-10 and 2010-11, respectively.

Senate Amendment 2

Senate Amendment 2 requires that a plumbing, heating, or cooling contractor, instead of a general contractor, be appointed to the thermal system insulation council.

Legislative History

2009 Senate Bill 94 was introduced on February 27, 2009, by Senator Coggs and others; co-sponsored by Representative Sinicki and others and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs. A public hearing was held before the Senate committee on March 19, 2009. Senator Coggs introduced Senate Amendment 1 on March 11, 2009. In an executive session on April 14, 2009, the Senate committee voted to adopt Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, and voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1.

Senator Coggs introduced Senate Amendment 2 on April 16, 2009. On April 23, 2009, the Senate adopted Senate Amendments 1 and 2. The Senate passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 25; Noes, 9. On April 28, 2009, the Assembly concurred in the bill, as passed by the Senate.

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