



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 379

Senate Amendment 2

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2013 Senate Bill 379 relates to reviews of plans for building projects.

2013 SENATE BILL 379

Senate Bill 379 specifies that a person engaged in a project to construct, add to, or alter a public building or a building that is a place of employment must first submit an application for review and approval by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS). The bill requires DPS to approve or deny an application within 15 days after receipt of the required application materials and fees. Application and approval requirements are currently given under administrative rule.

The bill allows a person engaged in such a building project, or a project for the construction, alteration, or reconstruction of a public swimming pool or water attraction, to begin the placement of any footings or foundation at the person's own risk that the plans may be denied or modified by DPS, if the person has submitted the required application and fees for the project, and if the submitted project plans and specifications were prepared by an architect or engineer licensed to do business in Wisconsin.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Amendment 2 deletes an erroneous reference to a fire alarm and suppression system under the authorization for a person to begin the placement of any footings or foundation for a building project.

In addition, the amendment specifies the procedure and timing for the application process, including the scheduling of a review date with DPS for the building project or water attraction plans. The amendment requires DPS to approve or deny an application within 15 days after the review date, rather than 15 days after receipt of the application materials, and specifies that the 15-day period is suspended between a request by DPS for additional information and receipt of that information.

BILL HISTORY

On January 14, 2014, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 2, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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