



PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT to create** 101.12 (1m) and 145.02 (5) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 expedited review of certain commercial building plans and exemptions from
3 examination of plumbing plans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This is a preliminary draft. An analysis will be provided in a subsequent version of this draft.

Because this bill may increase or decrease, directly or indirectly, the cost of the development, construction, financing, purchasing, sale, ownership, or availability of housing in this state, the Department of Administration, as required by law, will prepare a report to be printed as an appendix to this bill.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 101.12 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:
5 101.12 **(1m)** (a) 1. a. The department shall establish procedures for expediting
6 the examination of essential drawings, calculations, and specifications that are
7 identical to those that have been previously approved by the department.

1 b. If an owner submits essential drawings, calculations, and specifications to
2 the department or a city, village, town, or county under this section that are identical
3 to those that have been previously approved by the department or the city, village,
4 town, or county, and an examiner who performed the examination of the identical
5 project continues to perform examinations for the department or the city, village,
6 town, or county, upon request of the owner, the department or the city, village, town,
7 or county, as appropriate, shall assign the examiner to perform the examination of
8 the essential drawings, calculations, and specifications.

9 2. The department shall treat as identical for purposes of subd. 1. essential
10 drawings, calculations, and specifications that have only aesthetic differences that
11 have no effect on safety.

12 3. The department is not required to expedite the examination of essential
13 drawings, calculations, and specifications under subd. 1. a. if a standard applicable
14 to examining the essential drawings, calculations, and specifications has changed
15 since the approval of the most recent identical project or if the department
16 determines that an extraordinary circumstance exists.

17 (b) The department shall establish procedures for expediting the examination
18 of essential drawings, calculations, and specifications involving only alterations
19 within an existing building that do not result in a change to the occupancy
20 classification or use designation and that do not include construction of a building
21 addition.

22 **SECTION 2.** 145.02 (5) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

23 145.02 (5) (c) Neither the department nor a city, village, town, or county
24 appointed as an agent of the department under par. (a) may require examination of

1 plumbing plans and specifications for a plumbing installation, addition, or alteration
2 to which all of the following apply:

3 1. The plumbing installation, addition, or alteration involves at least 16 but no
4 more than 25 plumbing fixtures.

5 2. No portion of the building or structure with which the plumbing installation,
6 addition, or alteration is connected is classified by the department, under rules
7 promulgated by the department, into any of the following occupancy groups:

8 a. Assembly Group A.

9 b. Educational Group E.

10 c. High hazard Group H.

11 d. Institutional Group I.

12 e. Residential Group R.

13 3. The plumbing plans and specifications are prepared by any of the following:

14 a. A person who is registered as an architect or professional engineer under ch.
15 443 and who signs, dates, and seals or stamps the plumbing plans and specifications.

16 b. A person who holds a designer permit under s. 443.07 in the field of plumbing
17 systems and who signs, dates, and seals or stamps the plumbing plans and
18 specifications.

19 c. A licensed master plumber, licensed master plumber (restricted), or utility
20 contractor who signs and dates the plumbing plans and specifications.

21 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

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

