

State of Wisconsin



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2021 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT *to amend* 101.12 (1) (intro.), 101.12 (2) and 101.19 (1g) (a); and *to create* 101.12 (2m) and 145.02 (5) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** examination of building plans for public buildings, public structures, and places of employment, and examination of plumbing plans.

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

SECTION 1. 101.12 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

101.12 (1) (intro.) Except for plans that are reviewed by the department of health services under s. 50.02 (2) (b), 50.025, 50.36 (2), or 50.92 (3m) and except as provided under sub. (2m), the department shall require the submission of essential drawings, calculations, and specifications for public buildings, public structures, and places of employment including the following components:

SECTION 2. 101.12 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

101.12 (2) ~~Plans of said~~ Except as provided under sub. (2m), essential drawings, calculations, and specifications for public buildings, public structures, places of employment, and components described under sub. (1) shall be examined for compliance with the rules of the department and a statement of the examination returned to the designer and owner before construction is started. Nothing in this section ~~shall relieve~~ relieves the designer of the responsibility for designing a safe building, structure, or component.

SECTION 3. 101.12 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

101.12 (2m) The department may not require the submission or examination of essential drawings, calculations, and specifications for a public building, public structure, or place of employment to which all of the following apply:

(a) The public building, structure, or place of employment is a single-story building or structure containing less than 200,000 cubic feet of volume.

(b) No portion of the public building, structure, or place of employment is classified by the department, under rules promulgated by the department, into any of the following occupancy groups:

1. Assembly Group A.
2. Educational Group E.
3. High hazard Group H.
4. Institutional Group I.
5. Residential Group R.

(c) The essential drawings, calculations, and specifications are prepared by a person who is registered as an architect or professional engineer under ch. 443 and that person signs, dates, and seals or stamps the essential drawings, calculations, and specifications.

SECTION 4. 101.19 (1g) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

101.19 (1g) (a) The examination of plans for public buildings, public structures, places of employment, and

* 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."

the components thereof. The department shall require that 50 percent of plan examination fees be submitted as a nonrefundable deposit at the time an appointment for examination of plans is scheduled.

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

145.02 (5) (c) The department may not require examination of plumbing plans and specifications for a plumbing installation, addition, or alteration to which all of the following apply:

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

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

- a. Assembly Group A.
- b. Educational Group E.
- c. High hazard Group H.
- d. Institutional Group I.
- e. Residential Group R.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 6. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of s. 101.12 (1) (intro.), (2), and (2m) 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. 101.19 (1g) (a) first applies to an appointment for examination of plans that is scheduled on the effective date of this subsection.

(3) The treatment of s. 145.02 (5) (c) first applies to plumbing plans and specifications submitted for examination under ch. 145 on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 7. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the 45th day after the day of publication.
