

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

April 8, 2022

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 152** in its entirety.

This bill creates an exemption from the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Service's examination requirement for certain building and plumbing plans and modifies other aspects of the building plan review process.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to passing unnecessary legislation that could ultimately compromise safety by undermining the department's current process, which helps ensure public health and safety standards are met. Moreover, my administration has already successfully addressed the problem this bill seeks to solve. Three years ago, building and plumbing plan review times were taking much too long and negatively impacting building constructions and renovations. As a result, my administration, and specifically the department's secretary, took the initiative to find a way to reduce plan review time and successfully did so. Since taking these steps, plan review time has been reduced by about half; from 10 to 12 weeks to four to six weeks, on average. In fact, in 2020, most plan reviews were completed in three to five weeks. Therefore, what this legislation intends to do has already been accomplished without compromising safety.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor