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**Assembly Committee on Workforce Development  
Assembly Bill 516 relating to changes to DWD 273; travelling sales crews**

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**Testimony provided by Jonathan Barry, Deputy Secretary**

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Chairperson Loudenbeck and members of the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development:

I am Jonathan Barry, Deputy Secretary at the Department of Workforce Development. I come before you today in support of AB 516, which pertains to rule changes to the administrative code governing travelling sales crew operations.

DWD 273 is a relatively new rule but the department has recognized the need to update and clarify section 273.08, payment and compensation, and 273.11, travelling sales crew worker permits. The change to section 273.08 mandates that the employer of a travelling sales crew must provide payment to its employees on regularly agreed upon pay dates that can be no less often than semi-monthly and also gives the employees of a travelling sales crew the option of receiving their pay statements electronically.

The changes to section 273.11 clarify that the department issued worker permit and identification card are in fact one document. This has caused confusion among employers of travelling sales crews; recognizing that confusion, the department feels this is the time to clear up any misconceptions.

The department values the "Right the Rules" process; by making changes to the administrative code through a thorough legislative review, the DWD will take every opportunity in working with you to clear up confusion, reduce regulatory burdens, and make it easier to do business in Wisconsin.

Again, the department would like to thank the committee for all of your work to date on DWD's rule change legislation, the authors, Chairperson Loudenbeck and Rep. Ringhand, Governor Walker and the entire Wisconsin State Assembly for making regulatory reform a top priority this session. By clarifying relevant existing code and repealing irrelevant

and outdated code, we are making it easier for people to work and do business in Wisconsin; we are moving Wisconsin forward.