



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE

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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 19-161

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated December 2014.]

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

The rule repeals the requirement that a funeral director or operator, or his or her authorized agent, report the current value of the burial trust that is being terminated and replaced by the proceeds of a life insurance policy intended to fund a burial agreement. This type of life insurance policy is often sold by funeral directors. In its fiscal estimate and summary of factual data and analytical methodologies, the board cites economic burden and difficulty in obtaining information as the reason for the changes. The board may consider also including this content in the plain language analysis, so it is more easily accessible by typical readers. Similarly, the board should also consider explaining why the value of the life insurance policy replacing the trust should not be reported.