

RULE REPORT

Department of Commerce

Clearinghouse Rule No.: 08-110

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Relating to: Building Contractor Registration

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1. Basis and purpose of the proposed rule.

The proposed rules require a registration credential for various building contactors who are involved in the construction or modification of public buildings and places of employment, public swimming pools and water attractions, and one- and 2-family dwellings, unless the contractor already holds another type of contractor credential issued by the department.

2. How the proposed rule advances relevant statutory goals or purposes.

Under chapter 560 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Department of Commerce is charged with facilitating the establishment and retention of business enterprises in Wisconsin, and seeking closer cooperation and coordination between units of state government, so that the economy of the state may continue to develop fully and meet citizen and community needs.

Under chapters 101 and 145 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Department of Commerce also protects public health, safety, and welfare by promulgating comprehensive requirements for design, construction, use and maintenance of public buildings and places of employment, public swimming pools and water attractions and adopts rules that establish uniform, statewide standards for the construction of one- and 2-family dwellings. Various construction trades are involved in building or modifying these types of structures. Together with building owners and designers, construction trades share a responsibility to ensure that the buildings, relative to the respective trade's work, do not pose risk to public health and safety.

3. Changes to the rule analysis or fiscal estimate that was prepared for public hearing.

No substantive changes have occurred for the rule analysis or the fiscal estimate.