

**FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
DOA-2048 (R06/99)

ORIGINAL  
 CORRECTED

UPDATED  
 SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
Chs. Comm 2 and 8?  
Amendment No. if Applicable

**Subject**

Permit to Operate, Registration and Filing Fees

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation

or affects a sum sufficient appropriation

Increase Existing Appropriation

Decrease Existing Appropriation

Create New Appropriation

Increase Existing Revenues

Decrease Existing Revenues

Increase Costs - May be Possible to Absorb  
Within Agency's Budget  Yes  No

Decrease Costs

**Local:**  No local government costs

1.  Increase Costs

Permissive  Mandatory

2.  Decrease Costs

Permissive  Mandatory

Increase Revenues

Permissive  Mandatory

Decrease Revenues

Permissive  Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

Towns  Villages  Cities

Counties Others \_\_\_\_\_

School Districts  WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

GPR  FED  PRO  PRS  SEG  SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Current rules require owners to obtain and hold permits to operate any boiler, pressure vessel, anhydrous ammonia system, mechanical refrigeration system, conveyance and passenger ropeway. Permits to operate are typically issued after a code required periodic inspection. Permits to operate for conveyances and passenger ropeways are issued on a yearly basis. Most permits to operate for boilers, pressure vessels, anhydrous ammonia systems, and mechanical refrigeration systems are issued on a three-year basis. Over the last 3 years on average the department has issued approximately 38,000 permits to operate annually. Raising the permit to operate fee by \$15 will increase the department's revenues annually by \$570,000.

Under current rules certain types of cross connection control devices that protect public water supplies are required to be registered with the department upon installation and tested annually. The types of cross connection control assemblies under this program are reduced pressure principle backflow preventers, reduced pressure fire protection principle backflow preventers, spill resistant vacuum breakers, reduced pressure detector fire protection backflow prevention assemblies and pressure vacuum breakers. Currently, there are just over 33,000 of these assemblies registered with the department. The department is proposing to reduce the registration fee for these assemblies from \$200 to \$100; or \$90 if completed through the Safety and Buildings Division's web site. Over the last 3 years an average of 2275 new assemblies have been annually registered with the department. In 2008 approximately 25,000 performance tests were submitted to the department. The department is proposing a \$40 fee, or a \$30 fee if completed through the Safety and Buildings Division's web site, for the filing of the performance test reports. The department estimates that annual revenues would increase by \$527,000, if 90% of the registrations and performance tests are reported through the Division's web site.

The proposed rules to update and streamline the department's oversight of certain types of cross connection control assemblies do not increase the workload beyond current resources and staff levels.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

No long-range fiscal implications are anticipated.

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