

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

ORIGINAL  
 CORRECTED

UPDATED  
 SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
Ch. Comm 5  
Amendment No. if Applicable

**Subject**

Thermal Insulator Credentials

**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

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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**

The proposed rules establish administrative procedures for licensing and registration of individuals who install or maintain thermal insulation for heating, ventilating, cooling, plumbing or refrigeration systems. The proposed rules reflect the statutory provisions of 2009 Wisconsin Act 16, s. 101.136, Stats. The Act requires credentialed individuals to perform thermal insulation work as of July 1, 2011. The rules create credentials for thermal insulation mechanics, apprentices and helpers. The department anticipates that workload associated with the credentialing processes can be absorbed within current resources and staff levels.

The credential rules would most likely affect HVAC contractors, plumbing contractors, and mechanical refrigeration contractors. The fee for a thermal insulation mechanic's license is proposed at \$250 which reflects statutory provisions. The fee for the registration of apprentices and helpers is proposed at \$15. The department estimates that 1,000 individuals will seek to acquire the mechanic's license and 250 individuals will seek to obtain the apprentice or helper registration. The mechanic's license and helper's registration is valid for 2 years and the apprentice's registration is valid for one year. Based upon these assumptions and with 65 apprentices currently enrolled in the heat and frost program, the department would realize an annual increase in revenue of \$127,000. The credential fees were established to offset the cost of the thermal insulation inspector position created under 2009 Wisconsin Act. 16.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

No long-range fiscal implications are anticipated.

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