STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING:

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

CR 13-077

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES :

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

None

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

SPS 1.08(2) and 2.10(1) currently provide for the designation of the presiding officer to be employed by the Department unless the credentialing authority designates otherwise. These sections also indicate the administrative law judge shall be an attorney in the department designated by department general counsel, an employee borrowed from another agency or a person employed as a special project or limited term employee. The Department of Safety and Professional Services no longer has designated administrative law judges within the Department and contracts with Department of Administration, Division of Hearing and Appeals to preside over hearings. The proposed policy is to have the presiding officer of Class 1 and Class 2 hearings be an administrative law judge employed by the Department of Administration.

The rule also proposes to correct the typographical errors in SPS 3 Appendix and 8.03(3).

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Department of Safety and Professional Services held a public hearing on October 30, 2013. No testimony was received at the hearing, nor did the Department receive any written comments.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All of the remaining recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

The rule will not have an effect on small business and as such was not submitted to the SBRRB as part of the rule promulgation process.