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CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT TO AGENCY

[THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED PURSUANT TO S. 227.15, STATS. THIS IS A REPORT ON A RULE AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE AGENCY; THE REPORT MAY NOT REFLECT THE FINAL CONTENT OF THE RULE IN FINAL DRAFT FORM AS IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE. THIS REPORT CONSTITUTES A REVIEW OF, BUT NOT APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF, THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT AND TECHNICAL ACCURACY OF THE RULE.]

CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 00-183

AN ORDER to amend ATCP 97.04 (4) (a) 1. to 5., relating to public warehouse keeper license fees.

Submitted by **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

12-15-00 RECEIVED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

01-08-01 REPORT SENT TO AGENCY.

RS:MM:tlv;rv

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT

This rule has been reviewed by the Rules Clearinghouse. Based on that review, comments are reported as noted below:

1. STATUTORY AUTHORITY [s. 227.15 (2) (a)]

Comment Attached YES NO

2. FORM, STYLE AND PLACEMENT IN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE [s. 227.15 (2) (c)]

Comment Attached YES NO

3. CONFLICT WITH OR DUPLICATION OF EXISTING RULES [s. 227.15 (2) (d)]

Comment Attached YES NO

4. ADEQUACY OF REFERENCES TO RELATED STATUTES, RULES AND FORMS
[s. 227.15 (2) (e)]

Comment Attached YES NO

5. CLARITY, GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND USE OF PLAIN LANGUAGE [s. 227.15 (2) (f)]

Comment Attached YES NO

6. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS WITH, AND COMPARABILITY TO, RELATED FEDERAL
REGULATIONS [s. 227.15 (2) (g)]

Comment Attached YES NO

7. COMPLIANCE WITH PERMIT ACTION DEADLINE REQUIREMENTS [s. 227.15 (2) (h)]

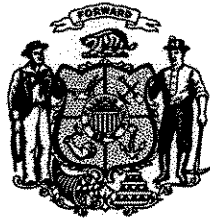
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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

4. Adequacy of References to Related Statutes, Rules and Forms

It appears that the citation to s. 93.02 (3) (a), Stats., in the analysis should be changed to s. 99.02 (3) (a), Stats.



State of Wisconsin
Tommy G. Thompson, Governor

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Ben Brancel, Secretary

December 14, 2000

Wisconsin Legislative Council
Rules Clearinghouse
1 E. Main Street, Rm. 401
Madison, WI 53702

RE: Proposed Order to Amend ATCP 97.04(4)(a) 1. to 5. relating to public warehouse keeper license fees

Dear Sir/Madam:

In compliance with Wis. Stat. § 227.15, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is referring the above rule for review by the Rules Clearinghouse. The Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has approved the proposed rule for public hearing, but no hearing will be held until the Rules Clearinghouse review is complete. The proposed rule and accompanying fiscal estimates are attached.

The authority and rationale for the proposed rule are set forth in the rule and accompanying analysis by the department. If you have any questions concerning the proposed rule, you may contact Linda Meinholz, Division of Trade and Consumer Protection at (608) 224-4933 or Attorney James Matson at (608) 224-5022.

Sincerely,

Roxy Capelle
Paralegal
Office of Legal Counsel
(608) 224-5023

Enclosures

cc: File



State of Wisconsin
Tommy G. Thompson, Governor

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Ben Brancel, Secretary

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE SUBMITTED TO
WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE**

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has referred a proposed rule to the Wisconsin Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse.

The proposed rule affects Wis. Admin. Code chapter ATCP 97.04(4)(a) 1. to 5., relating to public warehouse keeper license fees. The department will hold public hearings on this rule after the Wisconsin Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse completes its review.

The department's Trade and Consumer Protection Division is primarily responsible for this rule. If you have questions, you may contact Linda Meinholz at 608-224-4933.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2000.


James K. Matson, Chief Counsel
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Notice Delivered To:

*Revisor of Statutes
Department of Administration*

**PROPOSED ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
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Statutes interpreted: Ch. 99, Stats.

4 - incorrect cite 99.02(3)(a)

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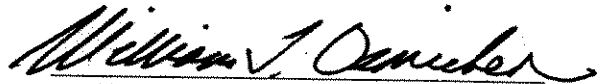
INITIAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

**Chapter ATCP 97, Wis. Adm. Code
Public Warehouse Keepers; License Fees**

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This rule increases annual license fees for public warehouse keepers, many of whom are small businesses. The fee increases range from 20% to 25%, depending upon the square footage of space used for storage of property of others, with a maximum increase of \$100.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2000



William L. Oemichen,
Administrator
Division of Trade & Consumer
Protection

FISCAL ESTIMATE

DOA-2048 N(R10/98)

ORIGINAL UPDATED

CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

1999 Session

LRB No. and Bill/Adm. Rule No.

Ch. ATCP 97

Amendment No. If Applicable

Subject Public Warehouse Keepers; License Fees Hearing Draft Rule

Fiscal Effect

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 Permissive Mandatory
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5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
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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

This rule amends s. 97.04(4)(a) to increase the annual license fees paid by public warehouse keepers. Increases ranging from 20% to 25%, depending on license class, will provide additional revenues of approximately \$16,400 annually beginning with the license year July 1, 2001. The department estimates one time costs of approximately \$500 for printing, mailing and holding hearings on the proposed rule changes.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Proposed fee increases will keep the program viable for the foreseeable future.

Agency/Prepared by: (Name & Phone No.)

Dept of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection

Donald J. Furniss 224-4930

Authorized Signature/Telephone No.

Barbara Knapp

Barbara Knapp (608) 224-4746

Date

9/21/00

FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

1999 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL	<input type="checkbox"/> UPDATED	LRB No. and Bill/Adm. Rule No.	Amendment No.
DOA-2047 (R10/98)	<input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENTAL	Ch. 97, Wis. Adm. Code	

Subject: **Public Warehouse Keepers; License Fees Hearing Draft Rule**

I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):
 Costs associated with rulemaking of approximately \$500, consisting of printing, mailing and costs of holding hearings.

II. Annualized Costs:

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III. State Revenues	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
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SEG/SEG-S		
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NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

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NET CHANGE IN COSTS	_____	_____
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Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection	Authorized Signature/Telephone No.	Date
Donald J. Furniss, 224-4930	<i>Barbara Knapp</i> Barbara Knapp (608) 224-4746	9/21/00

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Clearinghouse Rule # 00-183
Docket No. 00-R-11

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED RULES TO PRESIDING OFFICERS
OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to s. 227.19(2), Stats., that the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is submitting a final draft of proposed Clearinghouse Rule Number 00-183 to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature for standing committee review. The proposed rule amends ch. ATCP 97. related to annual license fees for public warehouse keepers.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

By James E. Harsdorf
James E. Harsdorf
Secretary



State of Wisconsin
Scott McCallum, Governor

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
James E. Harsdorf, Secretary

DATE: April 4, 2001

TO: The Honorable Fred Risser
President, Wisconsin State Senate
Room 220 South
State Capitol
PO Box 7882
Madison WI 53707-7882

The Honorable Scott Jensen
Speaker, Wisconsin State Assembly
Room 211 West
State Capitol
PO Box 8952
Madison WI 53708-8952

FROM: James E. Harsdorf, Secretary
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

SUBJECT: **Public Warehouse Keeper License Fees; Final Draft Rule**
(Clearinghouse Rule # 00-183)

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection hereby transmits the above rule for legislative committee review, pursuant to s. 227.19(2) and (3), Stats. We are enclosing 3 copies of the final draft rule, together with the following report. The department will publish a notice of this referral in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, pursuant to s. 227.19(2), Stats.

Background

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection ("DATCP") licenses public storage warehouses under ch. 99, Stats., and ch. ATCP 97, Wis. Adm. Code. DATCP regulates public storage warehouses to protect depositors. The program is funded by license fees. DATCP may modify license fees by rule.

DATCP has adopted public storage warehouse rules under ch. ATCP 97, Wis. Adm. Code. Among other things, the current rules establish annual license fees for public storage warehouses. Warehouse keepers pay annual license fees based on warehouse size.

The Honorable Fred Risser
The Honorable Scott Jensen
April 4, 2001
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DATCP's regulatory program is funded entirely by license fees. Current fees are not adequate to cover program costs. License fees have not increased since 1994. A fee increase is needed to fund the program at current staffing levels. Without a fee increase, the program will incur a deficit by FY 2003-2004

This rule increases license fees as follows:

Warehouse	Size (Sq. Ft.)	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Class 1	1 – 9,999	\$75	\$90
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Class 3	50,000 – 99,999	4240	\$300
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Class 5	150,000 – Over	\$400	\$500

Public Hearing

DATCP held a public hearing in Madison on January 18, 2000, but received no oral or written comments on the proposed fee increase.

Response to Rules Clearinghouse Comments

The Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse made minor comments on the hearing draft rule. DATCP addressed the Clearinghouse comments in the final draft rule.

Fiscal Estimate

This rule will provide additional revenues to maintain the public storage warehouse program at current staffing levels. A fiscal estimate is attached.

Small Business Analysis

This rule implements a public warehouse license fee increase. Some public warehouses are small businesses. The department has received no adverse comments on the proposed fee increase, which is the first increase since 1994. The fee increase is necessary to maintain the public storage warehouse program. A small business analysis (“final regulatory flexibility analysis”) is attached.

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SECTION 1. ATCP 97.04(4)(a)1. to 5. are amended to read:

ATCP 97.04(4)(a)1. For a Class 1 public warehouse, \$ ~~75~~ 90.

2. For a Class 2 public warehouse, \$ ~~150~~ 185.

3. For a Class 3 public warehouse, \$ ~~240~~ 300.

4. For a Class 4 public warehouse, \$ ~~320~~ 400.

5. For a Class 5 public warehouse, \$ ~~400~~ 500.

EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, as provided under s. 227.22(2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

By _____
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FISCAL ESTIMATE

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Date

2-14-01

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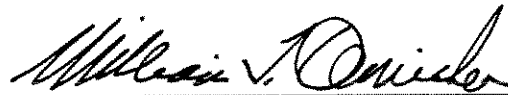
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Dated this 14/4 day of February, 2001



William L. Oemichen,
Administrator
Division of Trade & Consumer
Protection

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

NOTICE OF HEARING

The state of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection announces that it will hold a public hearing on a proposed rule related to Public Warehouse Keepers; License Fees. This rule amends Wis. Admin Code ch. ATCP 97. The hearing will be held:

Thursday, January 18, 2001, 10:00 a.m.
 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
 Conference Room 472
 2811 Agriculture Drive
 Madison, WI 53718-6777.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and comment on the proposed rule. Following the public hearing, the hearing record will remain open until January 28, 2001 for additional written comments.

A copy of the proposed rule may be obtained, free of charge, from the Wisconsin of Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Division of Trade & Consumer Protection, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911, or by calling (608) 224-4936. Copies will also be available at the public hearing.

An interpreter for the hearing impaired is available upon request for the hearing. Please make a reservation for a hearing interpreter by January 11, 2001, by contacting Linda Meinholz at (608) 224-4933 or Don Furniss at (608) 224-4930 or by contacting the TDD at the Department at (608) 224-5058. Handicap access is available at the hearing.

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By  _____

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