

## INTRODUCTION

### Purpose and Structure

The legislature, by s. 35.93 and ch. 227, Stats., directed the publication of the rules of administrative agencies having rule-making authority in a loose-leaf, continual revision system known as the Wisconsin Administrative Code. The code is kept current by means of new and replacement pages. The pages are issued monthly, together with notices of hearings, notices of proposed rules, emergency rules, new rules, instructions for insertion of new material, and other information relating to administrative rules. This service is called the Wisconsin Administrative Register, and comes to the subscriber after the 10th and the 25th of each month. Code pages are issued to subscribers only with the end of the month Register. The editing and publishing of the Register and Code is done by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau, 411 W. State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin, 53702. (608-266-7275).

### Availability

The complete code and the upkeep service are distributed to the county law libraries; to the libraries of the University of Wisconsin Law School and Marquette University Law School; to the State Historical Society; to the Legislative Reference Bureau and to the State Law Library, and to certain designated public libraries throughout the state.

The sale and distribution of the Register, Code and of its parts is handled by Department of Administration, Document Sales and Distribution, 202 S. Thornton Ave., Madison, Wisconsin 53702. (608-266-3358)

### Table of Contents

Each code with more than one chapter will have a table of chapters. After the title of each chapter will be the page numbers on which the chapter begins. Each chapter will have a table of sections. When a chapter has more than 10 sections and is over 10 pages in length the page number which that particular section begins on will be inserted after the title of the section.

### History Notes

Each page of the code as it was originally filed and printed pursuant to the 1955 legislation, is dated "1-2-56". A rule which is revised or created subsequent to the original printing date is followed by a history note indicating the date and number of the Register in which it was published and the date on which the revision or creation of the rule became effective. The absence of a history note at the end of a section indicates that the rule has remained unchanged since the original printing in 1956. The date line at the bottom of the page indicates the month in which the page was released. Some common abbreviations used in the history notes are: cr. - created, am. - amend, r. - repeal, recr. - recreate, renum. - renumber, eff. - effective and emerg. - emergency.

In some instances an *entire* chapter has been repealed and recreated or renumbered subsequent to the original printing date. When this occurs a history note has been placed at the beginning of the chapter to contain this information. A separate history note appears after each section indicating the date when the revision became effective.

### Index

The index for the complete Wisconsin Administrative Code will be found in the last volume. It will be recompiled, reprinted and distributed annually. Some codes have a separate index prepared by the agency involved. See the Building and Heating Code (chs. ILHR 50-64) for an example.