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The department also estimates that the proposed rules will have a fiscal impact in order to carry out additional electrical inspections. The majority of the impact would come from contracting out electrical inspections should that become necessary. The estimated total impact is increased costs of \$30,000, which could absorb within the department's budget.

13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

The benefit to implementing the rule is providing updated standards for electrical installations and inspections in this state. If the rule is not implemented, it will continue to reference outdated standards.

14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

The long range implication of implementing the rule is updated standards for electrical installations and inspections in this state.

15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

None

16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

An Internet-based search found that all adjacent states except Illinois adopt or incorporate by reference the National Electrical Code (NEC).

Illinois: Illinois does not administer a statewide electrical code.

Iowa: The Iowa Department of Public Safety administers a statewide electrical code that adopts the 2014 edition of the NEC with modifications (661 IAC 504.1).

Michigan: The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs administers a statewide electrical code that incorporates by reference the 2014 edition of the NEC with modifications (Mich Admin Code, R 408.30801).

Minnesota: The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry administers a statewide electrical code that incorporates by reference the 2014 edition of the NEC (Minnesota Rules, Part 1315.0200).

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ATTACHMENT A

1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

Wisconsin's electrical code applies to a wide range of businesses, including small businesses. The economic and fiscal impact of this rule on small businesses cannot be determined and will vary greatly depending on the size and complexity of each electrical installation. However, the proposed rules are not anticipated to have a significant economic or fiscal impact on any small business sector.

2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

The department solicited comments on the economic impact of the proposed rules from industry. The rule was developed with input from the Electrical Code Advisory Committee. The Committee included a range of representatives and held meetings for approximately a year, which provided an opportunity for continual public input on proposed rule provisions and their potential economic impact.

3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
- Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
- Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
- Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
- Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
- Other, describe:

4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

With assistance of the members of Electrical Code Advisory Committee, the department carefully reviewed the changes in compliance proposed in the 2017 National Electrical Code updates that were anticipated to increase costs and proposed 15 modifications to keep cost increases of the new code changes to a minimum.

5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

The Wisconsin electrical code adopts the National Electrical Code and then modifies some of the requirements of that code with provisions found in ch. SPS 316 to adapt the code to Wisconsin's unique needs. The proposed rules also develop a statewide electrical inspection program, as required by the provisions of 2007 Wisconsin Act 63.

6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

- Yes No
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