

**561—10.15(17A,455A) Time for ruling.** The department shall grant or deny a petition for a waiver or variance as soon as practicable but, in any event, shall do so within 120 days of receipt of the petition, unless the petitioner agrees to a later date. However, if a petition is filed in a contested case, the department shall grant or deny the petition no later than the time at which the final decision in that contested case is issued.