

**191—56.8(87,505) Certificate of approval; termination.**

**56.8(1)** The certificate of approval issued by the commissioner to a workers' compensation self-insurance association authorizes the association to provide workers' compensation benefits. The certificate of approval remains in effect until terminated at the request of the association or revoked by the commissioner.

**56.8(2)** The commissioner shall not grant the request of any association to terminate its certificate of approval unless the association has insured or reinsured all incurred workers' compensation obligations with an authorized insurer under an agreement filed with and approved in writing by the commissioner. Such obligations shall include both known claims and expenses associated therewith and claims incurred but not reported and expenses associated therewith. Subject to the approval of the commissioner, an association may merge with another association engaged in the same or similar type of business only if the resulting association assumes in full all obligations of the merging associations. The commissioner shall hold a hearing on the merger if any party, including a member of either association, so requests.