11—58.2(8A) Disciplinary actions. In addition to less severe progressive discipline measures, the appointing authority may demote, suspend, reduce pay within the same pay grade, or discharge an employee during the period of probationary status without right of appeal. The appointing authority shall notify the employee in writing of the effective date of the action, and in the case of a suspension or reduction in pay, the duration of the action. In no case shall suspension extend beyond 30 calendar days, nor beyond the end of the probationary period. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the director by the appointing authority.

Disciplinary demotion during the period of probationary status to a position covered by merit system provisions shall require that the employee meet the minimum qualifications for the class. If demoted, the total required period of probationary status shall include the time spent in the higher class. The pay shall be set in accordance with 11—subrule 53.6(7).