

**495—31.17 (17A) Review by agency of rules.**

**31.17(1) *Periodic comprehensive reviews.*** Beginning July 1, 2012, over each five-year period of time, the agency shall conduct an ongoing and comprehensive review of all of its rules, to identify and eliminate all rules of the agency that are outdated, redundant, or inconsistent or incompatible with the federal tax law requirements for a qualified plan, statute or its own rules or that of other agencies, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.7(2).

**31.17(2) *Petition for adoption, amendment or repeal of rules.***

*a.* Any interested person may petition the agency requesting the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule. The agency shall prescribe by rule the form for petitions and the procedure for their submission, consideration, and disposition, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.7(1).

*b.* Any interested person, association, agency, or political subdivision may submit a written request to the administrative rules coordinator requesting the agency to conduct a formal review of a specified rule. Upon approval of that request by the administrative rules coordinator, the agency shall conduct a formal review of a specified rule to determine whether a new rule should be adopted or the rule should be amended or repealed. The agency may refuse to conduct a review if it has conducted such a review of the specified rule within five years prior to the filing of the written request.

**31.17(3) *Report responsive to request for review.*** In conducting the formal review, the agency shall prepare within a reasonable time a written report summarizing its findings, its supporting reasons, and any proposed course of action. The report must include a concise statement of the agency's findings regarding the rule's effectiveness in achieving its objectives, including a summary of any available supporting data. The report shall also concisely describe significant written criticisms of the rule received during the previous five years, including a summary of any petitions for waiver of the rule received by the agency or granted by the agency. The report shall describe alternative solutions to resolve the criticisms of the rule, the reasons any were rejected, and any changes made in the rule in response to the criticisms as well as the reasons for the changes. A copy of the agency's report shall be sent to the administrative rules review committee and the administrative rules coordinator. The report must also be available for public inspection.