



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES – FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARIES

Section 17A.4(3) Iowa Code Supplement requires the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) to analyze the fiscal impact of all administrative rules with an impact of \$100,000 or more and provide a summary of the impact to the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC). Fiscal Impact Statements filed by State agencies can be found on our website at: http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/docs/Admin_Rules/arfiscal_notes.htm.

Department of Economic Development

ARC 7069B

Rule Summary Allows the Department of Economic Development to allocate up to \$5.0 million from the Iowa Values Fund each fiscal year to the Physical Infrastructure Assistance Program (PIAP) for projects that do not directly create or retain jobs but projects that encourage future job creation. Revises Program eligibility requirements to allow the projects to receive PIAP funds and the Department to establish performance measures for projects receiving funds under this allocation. Waive the required wage threshold and revise collateral requirements for PIAP projects funded through this allocation of funds. Change the Economic Development Set Aside (EDSA) Program wage threshold to conform to other rules.

Fiscal Impact The \$5.0 million allocation from the Iowa Values Fund is expected to be expended during FY 2009 on the Program.

ARC 7068B

Rule Summary Establishes a limit on the total amount of Targeted Jobs Withholding Tax credits awarded based on the total amount of depreciable assets in a project. Defines the requirements for matching funds to be provided by the business and the local community. Requires all applications to be presented to the Iowa Department of Economic Development Board for comment prior to the Department's approval.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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ARC 7067B

Rule Summary Corrects misidentified Standard Occupational Classifications and specifies that the funding for Information Technology Training Programs is to be used for companies within the targeted industries sectors, and modifies the required application information for the Program.

Fiscal Impact The Department is expected to expend the \$500,000 FY 2009 appropriation from repayments or other recaptures of awards from federal economic stimulus funds.

ARC 7065B

Rule Summary Details the application review process for the Targeted Industries Student Competition Fund. Requires that information about the minimum score required for an application be considered for funding to support student competition geared toward the targeted industries sectors.

Fiscal Impact The Department is expected to expend the \$130,000 FY 2009 appropriation from loan repayments or other recaptures of awards from federal economic stimulus funds.

ARC 7066B

Rule Summary Expands the definition of eligible applicants for the Targeted Industries Career Awareness Fund. Provides details for the application review process, including information about the minimum score required for an application to be considered for funding, to be used to support a statewide public awareness campaign to educate students, parents and educators about career opportunities in the targeted industries.

Fiscal Impact The Department is expected to expend the \$250,000 FY 2009 appropriation from loan repayments or other recaptures of awards from federal economic stimulus funds.

ARC 7074B

Rule Summary Implements HF 2689 (Renewable Fuels Tax Changes Act). Includes updating statutory citations, adding definitions, and incorporating the option of a three- or five-year grant period. Specifies requirements for the “amount of award” for retail sites, terminal facilities dispensing biodiesel for year-round distribution, and tank vehicles.

Fiscal Impact The Department of Economic Development has \$2.0 million available during FY 2009 from an appropriation from the Grow Iowa Values Fund for renewable fuel grants and the entire amount is expected to be awarded during FY 2009.

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Department of Transportation

ARC 7003B

Held over from August

Rule Summary Implements SF 472 (FY 2008 Railroad Close Clearance Warning Devices Act). Requires the installation of close-clearance warning signs along railroad tracks in places where the clearance is close enough between the track and an obstruction along the track that it impedes a person who is lawfully riding on the side of a train from clearing the obstruction.

Fiscal Impact There is no State fiscal impact. The Department of Transportation is permitted to reimburse affected parties up to \$100,000 in total from the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Fund. This is permitted in HF 911 (FY 2008 Infrastructure and Capitals Appropriation Act). The Department anticipates it will take several years to reimburse the parties.

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Environmental Protection Commission

ARC 6892B

Rule Summary Revises the Risk-Based Corrective Action (RBCA) Tier 2 software model. Specifies when public water supply wells will be evaluated. Revises the planning process for corrective action at high risk leaking underground storage tank sites. Revises enforcement rules.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact to the State. The Iowa Underground Storage Tank Fund provides funding to eligible owners and operators to comply with the changes.

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Historical Division – Department of Cultural Affairs

ARC 7084B and 7085B

Rule Summary Makes existing resources of the Department of Cultural Affairs available for emergency grants for disaster relief for use at historic sites.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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Department of Education

ARC 7093B

Rule Summary Clarifies definitions relating to enrollments of dual-enrolled and partial-year enrollment students. Reduces the formula weighting for those in the Home School Assistance Program (HSAP) from 0.6 to 0.3 per student.

Fiscal Impact Reducing the HSAP weighting will reduce school district budget enrollments in future years. The weighting reduction implemented in FY 2009 was made through an enrollment audit adjustment that resulted in a total reduction to school districts of \$7.0 million in State aid and \$1.0 million in property taxes. The total estimated impact for FY 2010 is a reduction of \$7.5 million in State aid and an increase of \$100,000 in property tax to school districts through the Iowa school aid formula.

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ARC 7090B

Rule Summary Implements Section 260C.36, Code of Iowa, regarding accreditation of community college faculty and the creation of Quality Faculty Committees. Establishes the formula for allocation of State salary funding for community college faculty and defines “eligible full-time equivalent instructor” as required by HF 2679 (FY 2009 Education Appropriations Act).

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

ARC 7094B

Rule Summary Transfers rules regarding the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program from the Iowa Finance Authority to the Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) in the Department of Education. Eliminates the First Step Program to reflect that all small business services are part of the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program. Limits assistance to qualified persons with businesses in Iowa. Administrative responsibilities for the Program were transferred to the IVRS in SF 2101 (Transferring the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program Act).

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

ARC 7092B

Rule Summary Specifies deadlines related to the National Board Certification and State-funded financial incentives being phased out as required in SF 277 (Student Achievement and Teacher Quality Program Act) in 2007. The Act required teachers to be registered with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards by December 31, 2007, to qualify for the incentives.

Fiscal Impact The State has an ongoing commitment to fund awards for applicants that achieved certification prior to elimination of the financial incentives. The funding needed to fulfill the commitment will gradually decline until the final awards are paid in FY 2016. The Department of Education estimated that \$1.6 million would be needed in FY 2009, declining to \$80,000 in FY 2016. The funding for FY 2009 commitments was enacted in HF 2679 (FY 2009 Education Appropriations Act).

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Department of Inspections and Appeals

ARC 7076B

Rule Summary Eliminates duplicated rules relating to mobile units or pushcarts. This is in lieu of standards set forth in the 2005 Food and Drug Administration Food Code with Supplement that were adopted effective July 1, 2008. Changes to the industry include required holding temperatures, required cooking temperature for pork, aligning bare-hand contact standards with those of other food establishments, and the adoption of the uniform consumer advisory.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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ARC 7075B

Rule Summary Requires the Department of Inspections and Appeals to be notified within 24 hours when a health care facility experiences circumstances such as an injury, assault, or natural disaster. Clarifies the factors considered in determining the class of violation by the Department.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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Insurance Division – Department of Commerce

ARC 7082B

Rule Summary Implements SF 512 (Pharmacy Benefit Management Act). Establishes standards for timely payment of pharmacy claims, provides for penalties for noncompliance, and establishes a resolution process for complaints and disputes. Changes made after public comment include: an extension of the deadline for compliance for the new payment schedule to January 1, 2009, the addition of an external appeals process in addition to an internal process, and additional protection for pharmacy benefits managers against fraudulent claims.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact to the State. Minimal cost to pharmacy benefit managers.

ARC 7105B

Rule Summary Designates the 1980 Commissioner Standard Ordinary Mortality Table as the authority to establish the required minimum reserves for preneed insurance. Preneed insurance provides for services at the time death including but not limited to, embalming, cremation, coffin or urn, memorial stone, and transportation of the deceased.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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Racing and Gaming Commission – Department of Inspections and Appeals

ARC 7060B

Rule Summary Requires licensees to conduct continuous recorded video surveillance of gambling activities and provides the definition of gambling activities. Rescinds the provision related to temporary licenses for horse owners. Requires licensing of owners and trainers by the first post time of the race card for the day. Prohibits a horse from running two consecutive calendar days. Provides definitions for discount rate, present value, and reserve. Requires facilities to obtain a reserve for authorized jackpot payouts. Requires facilities to maintain a log of updates to computer systems connected to each slot machine.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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Board of Medicine – Department of Public Health

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| | | ARC 7080B |
| Rule Summary | Adds member guidelines for alternate Board members and the Board's ability to appoint alternate members to serve on a hearing panel. | |
| Fiscal Impact | Minimal fiscal impact. Possible minimal savings may occur to reflect the elimination of one step in the appeal process. | |
| | | ARC 7049B |
| Rule Summary | Makes multiple definition and other various technical changes for the Board of Medicine. Implements SF 2338 (Regulation of Health-Related Professions Act). | |
| Fiscal Impact | No fiscal impact. | |
| | | ARC 7077B |
| Rule Summary | Updates rules regarding the verification of physician licensure and fees for the public record. Eliminates an out-of-date licensure status system. Requires the use of an on-line VeriDoc service. Eliminates charges for various media-related items. | |
| Fiscal Impact | No fiscal impact. Various labor costs may decrease while minimal electronic costs may increase. | |
| | | ARC 7048B |
| Rule Summary | Adds a definition for "observer" under the supervision of an Iowa licensed physician. Specifies duties for the supervision. | |
| Fiscal Impact | No fiscal impact. Minimal savings may occur for the observer or the institution that the observer is affiliated with since a temporary license is no longer required. | |
| | | ARC 7073B |
| Rule Summary | Permits a physician with a permanent license from a United States jurisdiction to practice as a resident physician in Iowa when enrolled in an Iowa resident training program. | |
| Fiscal Impact | Minimal fiscal impact to reflect the decreased cost of a resident physician license in lieu of a permanent license of \$3,500. An estimated 10 physicians will utilize this opportunity. | |
| | | ARC 7078B |
| Rule Summary | Adds a disciplinary measure for the failure to comply with an audit of continuing education or training following a reported abuse within 30 days of the audit request. | |
| Fiscal Impact | No fiscal impact. | |
| | | ARC 7050B |
| Rule Summary | Permits the Board of Medicine to deny issuance of or revoke a license upon receipt of a certificate of noncompliance from the Centralized Collection Unit of the Department of Revenue. | |
| Fiscal Impact | Minimal fiscal impact. It is expected that minimal licensure proceedings will take place as a result of this denial or revocation permission. | |

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ARC 7079B

Rule Summary Details a licensee's right to appear in a hearing conference with teleconference or video conference and allows respondents to appear personally and by an attorney.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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Department of Public Safety

ARC 7108B

Rule Summary Requires new and replacement smoke detectors installed in residences after the effective date of the rule to be dual-sensor detectors, equipped with both ionization detectors and photoelectric detectors.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact to the State.

ARC 7062B

Rule Summary Requires containers used for flammable and combustible liquids to be constructed of metal or hard plastic and must be a permanent or reusable container.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

ARC 7111B

Rule Summary Establishes procedures and requirements for the newly-established certification program for alarm system contractors and installers.

Fiscal Impact The fiscal impact cannot be determined since the number of people affected is unknown. These rules include a certification fee for alarm system contractors of \$300 for a three-year license and a certification fee for alarm system installers of \$150 for a three-year license. Alarm system contractors have an additional fee of \$50 for each endorsement beyond the first and alarm system contractors require a \$50 fee for assistants and a \$25 fee for each endorsement beyond the first. A contractor that applies for an amended certificate because the business was relocated due to emergency conditions in an area subject to a disaster emergency proclamation is permitted to do so at no cost. Amended certificates generally require payment of a \$100 fee. All revenue remains with the Department of Public Safety to operate the Alarm System Contractor and Installer Program.

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Department of Human Services

ARC 7059B

Rule Summary Permits children in court-approved subsidized guardianship homes to receive 100.0% State-funded Medicaid coverage by:

- Limiting this new coverage group to children for whom Iowa has financial responsibility.
- Removing the upper age limit.
- Providing eligibility for children that leave Iowa if not eligible in the new state of residence.
- Clarifying that ineligibility under other coverage groups or in another state must result from substantive eligibility requirements, not to a failure to provide information or to comply with other procedural requirements.

Fiscal Impact Minimal fiscal impact.

ARC 7110B

Rule Summary Changes include:

- Specifies that for Medicaid and the Family Investment Program (FIP), when both parents or a parent and a stepparent are in the home, either one may sign the application, the review forms, and the statement of citizenship form and attest to the information for the entire household. Currently both are required to sign.
- Removes the requirement that the Medicaid or FIP applicant or participant sign Form 470-0169, Requirements of Support Enforcement.
- Removes obsolete retrospective budgeting terms.
- Changes the terms “county office” and “local office” to “Department” or “income maintenance unit” to coordinate with implementation of the Income Maintenance Customer Call Center.
- Changes the term “Medicaid recipient” to “Medicaid member” to reflect the philosophy of the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

ARC 7058B

Rule Summary Specifies that Medicaid will not cover any local education agency expenses for a child’s transportation from home to school or back if federal funding becomes unavailable due to federal regulation.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

ARC 7061B

Rule Summary Adds new requirements to the curriculum for child care provider training.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact. The amount of training for child care providers is not changed.

ARC 7109B

Rule Summary Specifies that when a family support subsidy is terminated because the child has reached the age of 18, the subsidy will not be continued while the person’s parent or guardian appeals the determination.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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Department of Public Health

ARC 7023B

Rule Summary Provides definitions and responsibilities for State Dental Director and the Oral Health Bureau. The definition for “dental home” now includes “diagnostic, treatment, and emergency services”.

Fiscal Impact Possible fiscal impact dependent upon the relationship between the definitions and the cost of the services provided within the dental screening and other dental programs.

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Department of Administrative Services

ARC 7064B

Rule Summary Rescinds provisions for the Customer Councils that are responsible for overseeing services provided by the Department. Moves responsibilities relating to the Customer Councils to the Department of Management per SF 2400 (FY 2009 Administration and Regulation Appropriations Act).

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

ARC 7088B

Rule Summary Removes provisions under the Iowa One Gift Charitable Campaign regarding discrimination in employment as it relates to religious organizations. Removes an outdated provision that disallowed participation by sectarian organizations.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

ARC 7104B

Rule Summary Includes moose in voluntary Chronic Wasting Disease Program and updates references and identification requirements.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

ARC 7072B

Rule Summary Updates references to comply with federal regulations related to food safety and related inspection programs.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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College Student Aid Commission

ARC 7096B and ARC 7095B

Rule Summary Provides guidelines to implement the Washington, D.C. Internship Grant Program as enacted in HF 2679 (FY 2009 Education Appropriations Act).

Fiscal Impact The Grant Program received an appropriation of \$100,000 in HF 2679 for the internship grants in Washington, D.C. and required \$50,000 to be dedicated to the Agricultural Bio-fuels from Biomass Internship Pilot Program if the Program is enacted by Congress. With a maximum award of \$2,000, no less than 50 Iowa college students will receive support for their internships. The College Student Aid Commission plans to provide general internship grants in the event Congress does not create the Biomass Internship Pilot Program.

ARC 7098B and ARC 7097B

Rule Summary Establishes rules to implement the Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant Program as enacted in HF 2679 (FY 2009 Education Appropriations Act). Specifies financial need calculation, eligibility criteria, priority for awards if requests exceed the appropriated amount, and other requirements. Makes grants available to full-time and part-time students with financial need that are enrolled in eligible licensed and accredited schools for up to two academic years for full-time students and may be renewed for one additional enrollment period if satisfactory academic progress is made. Requires part-time students to receive prorated awards. Provides a maximum grant of \$1,200 or the student's established financial need, whatever is less.

Fiscal Impact The Grant Program received a \$50,000 General Fund appropriation for FY 2009 in HF 2679.

ARC 7102B and ARC 7100B

Rule Summary Provides guidelines to implement the Chiropractic Loan Forgiveness Program established by HF 2679 (FY 2009 Education Appropriations Act). The Program is for Iowa residents licensed and engaged in the practice of chiropractic in the State that entered practice after July 1, 2008. Requires the loan forgiveness amount to equal the resident tuition rate for the Regents universities the first year following the chiropractor's graduation or 20.00% of the chiropractor's total federally guaranteed Stafford loan amount, including principal and interest, under the Federal Family Education Loan Program or the Federal Direct Loan Program, whatever is less. Limits participation to five consecutive years.

Fiscal Impact The Grant Program received funding of \$100,000 in HF 2679 for the Loan Forgiveness Program by authorizing a transfer of funds from the Chiropractic Loan Revolving Fund that was used for a defunct forgivable loan program for chiropractors.

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Dental Board – Department of Public Health

ARC 7107B

Rule Summary Revises training requirements for a dentist to treat with sedation based on the recent American Dental Association's guidelines on sedation. Requires a dentist utilizing moderate sedation on pediatric (ages 12 and under) or American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Category 3 or 4 patients to complete additional training approved by the Dental Board, unless the dentist has been providing these services without adverse occurrences for five years preceding July 1, 2008.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact. An individual dentist not providing five years of the specified sedation treatment prior to July 1, 2008, may need to seek additional training.

ARC 7106B

Rule Summary Requires the Iowa Practitioner Review Committee to elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson annually from the persons appointed to the Committee by the Chairperson of the Dental Board. Specifies that Committee members are appointed for three-year terms and are permitted to serve a maximum of three terms.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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Iowa Finance Authority

ARC 7101B and 7099B

Rule Summary Specifies the Iowa Finance Authority will allocate the additional ceiling authority authorized by the federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 for the issuance of private activity bonds by governmental entities.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

ARC 7115B

Rule Summary Establishes criteria and procedures for the granting of waivers by the Title Guaranty Board to conform to SF 2320 (Non-substantive Code Editor's Act).

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

ARC 7114B

Rule Summary Changes the military service dates for eligibility for the Home Ownership Assistance Program to conform to the enactment of SF 2354 (Veterans Home Ownership Program Modification Act).

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System

ARC 7112B

Rule Summary Allows the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) to conform to Internal Revenue Service plan qualification requirements. Provides for administration of a new beneficiary designation law regarding letters of notification in the event of a divorce, annulment, or remarriage. Clarifies procedures for the naming of alternate payees and the paying of death benefits to beneficiaries of divorced members.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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Iowa Lottery Authority

ARC 7070B

Rule Summary Requires lottery players to sign the original lottery ticket prior to presenting the ticket for validation and redemption of prizes. Requires the retailers to verify that a signature has been provided on tickets before validating the ticket.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

ARC 7071B

Rule Summary Authorizes prize payments via cash or check payable to the minor or to a parent or legal guardian of the minor. Requires tickets submitted by minors to be signed by a parent or legal guardian of the minor. Permits minors to receive lottery games as gifts. The purchase of lottery games by a minor is prohibited.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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Professional Licensure Division – Department of Public Health

ARC 7053B

Rule Summary Chiropractic: Rescinds duplicated chapters and rules that currently exist.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

ARC 7052B

Rule Summary Chiropractic: Adds language relating to temporary licensure and related requirements and payment credits.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

ARC 7051B

Rule Summary Chiropractic: Adds definitions and provides chiropractor responsibilities for training chiropractic assistants. Increases the timeline for retention of clinical records from five years to six years.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

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| Rule Summary | Massage Therapy: Eliminates duplicative language. | ARC 7063B |
| Fiscal Impact | No fiscal impact. | |
| Rule Summary | Optometry: Updates licensure and continuing education requirements. Eliminates duplicative language. | ARC 7113B |
| Fiscal Impact | No fiscal impact. | |
| Rule Summary | Podiatry: Eliminates duplicative language. Changes the name of the Board of Podiatry Examiners to the Board of Podiatry as required in SF 74 (Renaming Health-related Examining Boards as Licensing Boards Act). | ARC 7081B |
| Fiscal Impact | No fiscal impact. | |
| Rule Summary | Respiratory Care: Implements background checks for initial respiratory care licensure applicants and those that apply to reactivate their Iowa respiratory care licenses. Permits students that have completed a program under Letter of Review by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care to qualify for licensure in Iowa. Rescinds duplicative language. Clarifies that continuing education obtained through real-time interactive media or an electronic presentation that permits communication with the presenter in real time can be used toward the 14 hours of continuing education required to be obtained through direct contact. | ARC 7103B |
| Fiscal Impact | Minimal fiscal impact. The applicants will be assessed an administrative cost, the Federal Bureau of Investigation cost, and the State Division of Criminal Investigation cost for the background checks. The total cost per applicant is approximately \$50.00 and the number of estimated applicants annually is 110. | |
| Rule Summary | Physician Assistants: Eliminates duplicative language. | ARC 7055B |
| Fiscal Impact | No fiscal impact. | |
| Rule Summary | Athletic Training: Restores the acceptance of current Board of Certification for continuing education documentation during an audit. Changes the name of the Athletic Training Examiners to the Board of Athletic Training as required in SF 74 (Renaming Health-related Examining Boards as Licensing Boards Act). | ARC 7054B |
| Fiscal Impact | No fiscal impact. | |

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Utilities Division – Department of Commerce

ARC 7091B

Rule Summary Allows energy tax credits for electricity generated for on-site consumption. Sets a minimum nameplate capacity of two megawatts for eligible applications filed after March 1, 2008. Extends the in-service deadline for eligible projects by three years from July 1, 2009, to January 1, 2012. Makes a minor clarification to a previous version of the rule based on public comment that “on-site consumption” refers to wind energy production that is not sold.

Fiscal Impact Extending the deadline by three years will initially be positive to the State General Fund as a result of sales and income taxes paid during the construction of the wind facilities. Over a 16-year period as the tax credits are earned, the direct net General Fund impact is an estimated reduction of \$8.7 million as was estimated during the 2008 Session for the fiscal impact of SF 2405 (Renewable Energy Tax Credits Act).

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Department of Veterans Affairs

ARC 7083B

Rule Summary Changes the eligibility for the Educational Assistance Program for children of certain deceased veterans. Modifies the residency requirements so benefits go to a child of a veteran residing in Iowa prior to being killed in lieu of the child being the resident at the time of application. Requires the child to begin utilizing the educational benefits before reaching the age of 26 and to complete schooling before reaching the age of 31. Limits the assistance to only tuition costs and the funds are to be paid directly to the institution of higher education in Iowa. Sets academic standards for students to receive funding. Sets the funding amount to five years of assistance at the highest tuition rate of the three Board of Regents Universities.

Fiscal Impact As of July 2008, there have been no expenditures from the FY 2007 and FY 2008 appropriations for the Educational Assistance Program of \$27,000 per year. Original estimates included the possible expenditure of \$11,000 for two eligible children enrolled in higher education that did not take place. A total of \$81,000 is available for this Program when the FY 2009 appropriation is included.

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