

**Transfer Fire Protection Fees to Dedicated Account**  
**Minnesota Statutes, Section 299M.10**  
**SF1995 Pappas/Howe**

**Proposal:**

Transfer revenue received from sprinkler permits and license certificates from the general fund into a dedicated account in the SFMD to be used solely to operate the State Fire Marshal Fire Protection Program.

**Rationale:**

Funds received from this public safety program should be used for maintenance and enhancement of the public safety. This initiative will assist the fire suppression industry, their customers and the State Fire Marshal Division by enhancing the ability to reduce turnaround time for plan reviews and inspections.

This would allow the State Fire Marshal Division to perform more investigations of license violations and substandard work and to provide additional training for the industry, municipal code officials and fire service personnel.

While a 2-3 week backlog is considered acceptable, they are seeing backlogs 8-12 weeks. Further, the volume of plans, and lack of staff keeps the plan reviewers at their desks, leaving little time to get out in the field for inspections.

**Fees:**

**Licensing fee.**

A person required to be licensed under section [299M.03, subdivision 1](#) or 1a, shall, before receipt of the license and before causing fire protection-related work or multipurpose potable water piping system work to be performed, pay the commissioner an annual license fee.

**Certification fee.** Employees required to be certified under section [299M.03, subdivision 2](#) or 3, shall, before performing fire protection-related work or multipurpose potable water piping system work, pay the commissioner an annual certification fee.

**Registration fee.** Employees required to be registered under section [299M.03, subdivision 2](#), shall, before performing fire protection-related work, pay the commissioner an annual registration fee.

**Surcharge fee.** Before beginning fire protection-related work, a fire protection contractor shall pay a project surcharge fee to the commissioner based on a percentage of the total costs of the fire protection-related work.

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