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Subject: Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules, as Required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 14.05, Subdivision 5.

Office of Administrative Hearings' Workers' Compensation Litigation Procedural Rules

Virtually every part or a portion of every part of Chapter 1415 is obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other statutes and rules. The rules have not been updated since 1984. Since 1984, there have been numerous changes in the governing statute, case law, and government structure. One of those changes was the 1998 government reorganization that moved the Settlement Division at the Department of Labor and Industry to the Office of Administrative Hearings. In addition, the Workers' Compensation Act was significantly revised by the legislature in 1992, 1995, and 2000.

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The Workers Compensation Division of the Office of Administrative Hearings is currently in the process of amending Chapter 1415, to address the obsolete, unnecessary and duplicative rules parts or portions thereof, as listed below:

Obsolete, Unnecessary or  
Duplicative Rule Parts:

Portions of the following Rule Parts are  
Obsolete, Unnecessary or Duplicative:

1415.0200  
1415.0400  
1415.0600  
1415.0900  
1415.1400  
1415.1600  
1415.1700  
1415.2100  
1415.3000  
1415.3100  
1415.3400

1415.0300	1415.2400
1415.0800	1415.2500
1415.1000	1415.2600
1415.1100	1415.2700
1415.1200	1415.2800
1415.1300	1415.2900
1415.1800	1415.3200
1415.1900	1415.3300
1415.2000	
1415.2200	
1415.2300	

The Office of Administrative Hearings estimates that it will publish a Request for Comments on these rules in late 2003, and publish the proposed rules in the first half of 2004. The timetable for final adoption of the rules will depend upon whether the proposed amendments are controversial.

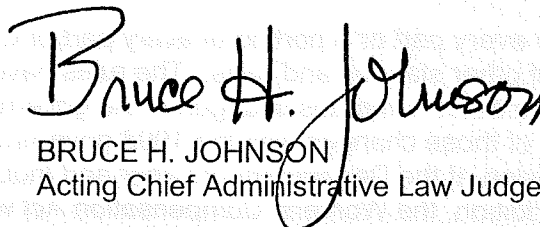
Office of Administrative Hearings' APA Proceedings; Expenses and Attorney Fees Rules

These rules were amended in 2001. None of these rules is obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative.

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Yours very truly,

  
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