

November 9, 2015

Governor Mark Dayton
Office of the Governor

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Revisor of Statutes

Mr. Greg Hubinger, Director
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Government Operations and Elections Policy Committee

Representative Sarah Anderson, Chair
State Government Finance Committee

Senator Patricia Torres Ray, Chair
State and Local Government Committee

Senator Tom Saxhaug, Chair
Finance Committee - State Departments and Veterans Division

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

Dear Governor Dayton, Senators, Representatives, and Revisor Timmons:

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, directs the Board of Accountancy ("Board") to report to you by December 1 of each year whether any of its rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules.

In its last report, the Board did not report any changes to be made. The Board has reviewed its rules and identified the following obsolete, unnecessary or duplicative rules:

1. M.R. 1105.1800, subpart 3: The Board has not required an oral examination of any applicant for many years and oral examinations are inherently subjective, unnecessary, and costly to both write and defend. The rule is obsolete.

2. The term "Quality Review" has changed to "Peer Review" on a national level. The following rules reference "Quality Review" and should be updated to the national standard "Peer Review":

- a. 1105.0100, Subp. 12
- b. 1105.3100, Subp. 1, items A and B
- c. 1105.3600
- d. 1105.4000, item G
- e. 1105.4300
- f. 1105.4600
- g. 1105.4700
- h. 1105.4800
- i. 1105.4900
- j. 1105.5100
- k. 1105.5200, items A, F and G
- l. 1105.5300, items D and E
- m. 1105.5400, item A
- n. 1105.5500
- o. 1105.5600, item C, subitem (7)
- p. 1105.7100, item G
- q. 1105.7400, item A, subitem (4) and item B
- r. 1105.7800, item C

The above-listed obsolete, duplicative or unnecessary rules were included in the Board's larger rule package (R-04313). Following a hearing, the rules were approved by the Administrative Law Judge on November 4, 2015 and the Board intends to adopt them at its meeting on December 11, 2015. The Board expects the rules to become effective in early 2016.

We look forward to working with you during this legislative session. We appreciate your dedication to service of the State of Minnesota. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at 651-757-1511.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Greg Steiner, CPA, Board Chair