DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

November 30, 2023

The Honorable Tim Walz Governor

Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair Legislative Coordinating Commission Chair, Jobs and Economic Development Committee

Senator Jennifer McEwen, Chair Labor Committee

Ryan Inman Revisor of Statutes Representative Michael Nelson, Chair Labor and Industry Finance and Policy Committee

Representative Melissa Hortman, Vice Chair Legislative Coordinating Commission

Representative Jay Xiong, Chair Workforce Development Finance and Policy Committee

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

Dear Governor Walz, Senators, Representatives, and Revisor Inman:

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subd. 5, directs the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry to report to you by December 1st of each year whether any of its rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules.

This Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry is reporting that the following rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative and should be repealed.

Minnesota Rules, Chapter 5200.0320, Subpart 8; Responsibilities of Apprentices: Subpart 8 of this rule requires that apprentices shall agree to be punctual and regular in attendance, and to endeavor to the best of their ability to perfect the required skills in the chosen craft. Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 178.036, subd. 11, imposes the same requirements on apprentices. Therefore Minnesota Rules, Chapter 5200.0320, subp. 8, is duplicative. We will seek repeal of this subpart either through 2024 legislation or through Minn. Stat. § 14.3895.

Minnesota Rules, Chapter 5200.0400; Apprenticeship Committee Rules: Apprenticeship programs and committees were previously governed by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 178.05. Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 178.05 was repealed in 2014. New statutes were passed governing apprenticeship programs, but not committees. Therefore, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 5200.0400 is obsolete. We will seek repeal of this rule either through 2024 legislation or through Minnesota Stat. § 14.3895.

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Minnesota Rules, Chapter 5220.2840, **Subparts 1-4**; Failure to Make Payment or Report to Special Fund; Penalty: Subparts 1 through 4 of this rule detail due dates and penalties related to the Special Compensation Fund's annual assessment process. This process, including due dates and penalties, was updated and codified into statute under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 176.129. Therefore, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 5220.2840, subparts 1-4 are obsolete. We will seek repeal of these subparts either though 2024 legislation or through Minn. Stat. § 14.3895.

In 2022, the Department did not report any rules as obsolete, unnecessary or duplicative.

Very truly yours,

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