



REGULATORY SUNSET BILL WOULD HELP ELIMINATE IRRELEVANT RED TAPE

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MILWAUKEE...The Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (MMAC) is praising regulatory reform legislation proposed by state Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) and Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) as “great step toward ensuring individuals and businesses are not bogged down in outdated or irrelevant government red tape.”

“Any good organization does periodic review of its operations, regulations and procedures,” said MMAC President, Tim Sheehy. “Good government should be no different. By requiring a periodic review and re-approval of the Administrative Code, this bill applies those best practices to Wisconsin government and is a great step toward ensuring individuals and businesses are not bogged down in outdated or irrelevant government red tape.”

Under the legislation proposed by Darling and Steineke, every section of the Wisconsin Administrative Code must be reapproved every seven years. Any sections that are not renewed by the legislature automatically sunset.

Currently, administrative rules remain in effect indefinitely, unless the legislature acts to repeal them. This situation results in increasing volumes of government red tape building up over the years as new regulations are added on top of old.

“Any truly necessary state regulation critical to the integrity, health, or safety of the state should have little problem being renewed,” said Sheehy. “This bill merely acts as a systematic clean-up mechanism to ensure that yesterday’s red tape is not getting in the way of today’s economy. We hope this commonsense bill receives broad bi-partisan support in the legislature.”

The MMAC represents nearly 1800 member businesses, employing nearly half a million workers in the metropolitan Milwaukee region of Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington counties.

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