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To: Economic Affairs Interim Committee
From: Bart Campbell, staff attorney
Re: Rule Review for August committee meeting

Dept. of Commerce

Board of Housing

- Adopting six rules to implement guidelines and application procedures for the Montana Veterans' Home Loan Mortgage Program enacted by the 2011 Legislature in SB 326.

Dept. of Labor and Industry

- Amending ARM 24.11.2221 pertaining to unemployment insurance rates for governmental entities to correct minor errors in the contribution table for experience-rated governmental employers.

Board of Nursing

- Generally revising nursing rules primarily to implement laws enacted by the 2011 Legislature, including HB 547 requiring the board to adopt rules specifying criteria for recognition of registered nurses certified as registered nurse first assistants and providing them with insurance coverage; HB 377 providing for the licensure of medication aides employed at long-term care facilities; allowing LPNs to mix unit dose IV solutions rather than just RNs because in small facilities it is difficult to bring in RNs to mix IVs; and revising examination requirements to eliminate the limit on retaking a test because there is no national data supporting a correlation between the number of exam attempts with the ability to practice nursing.

Board of Outfitters

- Eliminating certain fees in response to HB 458 which eliminated the net client hunter use expansion; clarifying procedure for guides and outfitters to satisfy basic first aid requirement; amending rules to comply with ballot initiative 161 that provided that outfitters could no longer serve clients under the previous Net Client Use Category 1; adopting new rule pertaining to successorship of licenses in order to clarify who may be a successor and to ensure all required qualifications are met.

Board of Real Estate Appraisers

- Amending two rules to correct total hours required for certified appraisal licensure to conform with federal Appraisal Qualification Board requirements.

State Electrical Board

- Raising fees for certain licensees so that fees are commensurate with costs and adopting new rule pertaining to non-routine license application to allow the department to process applications containing some type of irregularity in order to eliminate delays since the board only meets quarterly.

Dept. of Livestock

- Amending rule pertaining to blood testing for Pullorum Typhoid, a disease of poultry, to develop an authorized testing agent program to train and certify non-veterinarians to conduct the testing.
- Amending what constitutes the designated surveillance area to conform to a recent elk study by FWP that revealed a significant number of brucellosis-exposed elk. The department indicated it is therefore necessary to include cattle operations that overlap with the range of the infected elk.