

## Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

### Part A - General Questions

**Rule Number:** 1301:7-7-26

**Rule Type:** Rescission

**Rule Title/Tagline:** Welding and other hot work.

**Agency Name:** Department of Commerce

**Division:** Division of State Fire Marshal

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#### **I. Rule Summary**

- 1. Is this a five year rule review? Yes**
  - A. What is the rule's five year review date? 9/29/2017**
- 2. Is this rule the result of recent legislation? No**
- 3. What statute is this rule being promulgated under? 119.03**
- 4. What statute(s) grant rule writing authority? 3737.83, 3737.82, 3737.22(A)**
- 5. What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify? 3737.22(A), 3737.83, 3737.82**
- 6. What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

The State Fire Marshal proposes to rescind the currently existing 2011 Ohio Fire Code (OFC) and adopt other proposed rules, to be known as the 2017 OFC, for the purpose of five-year rule review and to update the rule provisions to conform to national standards, to coordinate with updates to the Ohio Building Code, and to clarify and restructure previously existing rules to better set forth RC requirements, enforcement procedures, and to align the provisions with current practice. The rules will concern all matters of fire safety and will set the minimum standards in this state for safeguarding life and property from fire and explosion.

Notwithstanding Ohioizations that have been made, the current 2011 OFC is primarily based on the incorporation of the 2009 International Fire Code (IFC). The updated/new

rules (the 2017 OFC) will be incorporate the 2012 and 2015 IFC. With this update, the vast majority of the OFC will be reorganized. The first ten rules will address the same topics; however, all other rules will be moved to new locations. In general, the rule content will not change. Non-substantive editorial changes will be made throughout the OFC to reflect the new references. The 2011 OFC contained 47 rules, with Rule 47 being 'referenced standards.' The new format will contain 80 rules, with Rule 80 being 'referenced standards.' The overall / total number of substantive rules, however, has not changed (with the exception of Rule 39); there are large blocks of rule numbers that have been reserved for future use.

- 7. Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

This rule prescribes fire safety regulations for welding, cutting, open torches and other hot work operations and equipment.

- 8. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? Yes**
- 9. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.71 to 121.76, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

The rescission of this rule will eliminate the material currently referenced. However, much of the referenced material will be carried forward into the New 1301:7-7-35; for further analysis, please see IBR response for that rule.

- 10. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

*Not Applicable*

## **II. Fiscal Analysis**

- 11. As a result of this proposed rule, please estimate the increase / decrease in revenues or expenditures affecting this agency, or the state generally, in the current biennium or future years. If the proposed rule is likely to have a different fiscal effect in future years, please describe the expected difference and operation.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

Not applicable.

There is no anticipated impact on the agency's budget as a result of the rescission of this rule. Please see New 1301:7-7-35, that will serve as a replacement rule.

- 12. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

There is no anticipated cost of compliance with the rescission of this rule. Please see New 1301:7-7-35 for an analysis of the impact of the new rule that will be filed in place of this rescinded rule.

- 13. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**
- 14. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**

### **III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions**

- 15. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes**
- 16. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? No**

- A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? No**
- B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? No**

This rule does not create a penalty scheme. However, violations of any provision of the Ohio Fire Code are subject to citation and civil penalty as set forth in R.C. 3737.51(B)-(F) and 1301:7-7-01(I), OFC sec. 109. Additionally, pursuant to R.C. 3737.51(A), there is a criminal penalty for knowingly violating any provision of the Ohio Fire Code.

- C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? No**