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JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

**Memorandum**

**To:** Members of the AELR Committee  
Standing Committee Chairs

**From:** Georgeanne Carter, AELR Committee Counsel  
Kathleen P. Kennedy, AELR Committee Counsel  
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**Date:** October 15, 2021

**Re:** **Synopses of Regulations received from 10/4/2021 through 10/14/2021**

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Enclosed please find synopses of regulations received by the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR) during the weeks noted above.

The Office of Policy Analysis prepares analyses of the regulations to determine if there are any problem areas, to ensure that the regulations comply with statutory authority and legislative intent, and to assess the fiscal impact of the regulations. If any regulation is of particular interest to you, please feel free to contact us at 410-946-5350 and we will supply you with a copy of the regulation along with the legal and fiscal analysis.

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**Assessments and Taxation, Department of**

**Proposed Regulation**

**DLS Control No. 21-171**

**Department of Assessments and Taxation:**

**Agricultural Land Transfer Tax:**

**Administration:** COMAR 18.05.01.04

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to allow the Department of Assessments and Taxation to substitute an electronic notation, in lieu of a hard stamp, of any agricultural land transfer tax that is due on an instrument of writing to be recorded in the land records of the various counties.

**Proposed Regulation**

**DLS Control No. 21-172**

**Department of Assessments and Taxation:**

**Real Property Assessments:**

**Agricultural Use Assessments:** COMAR 18.02.03.05

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to set forth the department's current administrative practice in more detail when determining whether parcels of land less than 20 acres qualify for an agricultural use assessment by cross-referencing existing regulations.

**Proposed Regulation**

**DLS Control No. 21-173**

**Department of Assessments and Taxation:**

**Real Property Assessments:**

**Country Clubs:** COMAR 18.02.05.06

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to comply with recently enacted amendments regarding how land subject to a golf or county club agreement is to be valued under Tax – Property Article, § 8-213, Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Proposed Regulation**

**DLS Control No. 21-174**

**Department of Assessments and Taxation:**

**Ground Rents Redemption:**

**Redemption:** COMAR 18.15.01.02 through .04

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to reduce and modify the amount of information a tenant must file with the department to redeem a ground rent, codify the manner in which a ground rent redemption amount is calculated under certain circumstances, and remove several requirements associated with a natural person ground rent holder appearing in person to claim ground rent in favor of filing a notarized affidavit.

**General Services, Department of**

**Proposed Regulation**

**DLS Control No. 21-176**

**Department of General Services:**

**Office of the Secretary:**

**Assistive Listening Device in Assembly Areas:** COMAR 04.01.06.01 through 08

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to set forth the structure, installation, and implementation of an Assistive Listening System in an Assembly area in accordance with Chapter 336 of 2019.

**Natural Resources, Department of**

**Proposed Regulation**

**DLS Control No. 21-168**

**Department of Natural Resources:**

**Boating:**

**Certificate of Boat Number:** COMAR 08.04.03.10

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to update the rules for validation stickers. The Annotated Code of Maryland and the Code of Federal Regulations have requirements for validation stickers. The number and placement of the stickers need to be clarified in regulation so that Maryland is in compliance with the federal rules.

**Administrative Hearings, Office of**

**Proposed Regulation**

**DLS Control No. 21-170**

**Office of Administrative Hearings:**

**Rules of Procedure:**

**Rules of Procedure:** COMAR 28.02.01.16

According to the office, the purpose of this action is to amend the existing regulation on requests for postponements made before the Office of Administrative Hearings to include a requirement that documentation of the reasons for the postponement must be submitted when the request is made. The specific change is summarized below: Specific Changes: Subtitle 02, Chapter 01 – Rules of Procedure: Regulation .16D - Amends the regulation to require the party making a request for postponement to provide documentation of the reasons for the request.

**Education, State Board of**

**Proposed Regulations**

**DLS Control No. 21-175**

**State Board of Education:**

**Supporting Programs:**

**Student Transportation:** COMAR 13A.06.07.01, .03, .07, .08 through .10 and .11

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to allow local boards of education to provide transportation for certain groups of students in vehicles that are not Type I or Type II school vehicles as defined under Transportation Article, §§11-173 and 11-174 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Ethics Commission, State**

**Proposed Regulations**

**DLS Control No. 21-177**

**State Ethics Commission:**

**Procedures:**

**General Provisions:** COMAR 19A.01.01.02

**General Provisions:** COMAR 19A.01.01.04

**Financial Disclosure:**

**Disclosure Required by Members of Boards and Commissions:**

COMAR 19A.03.01.01

**Disclosure Required by Members of Boards and Commissions:**

COMAR 19A.03.01.04

**Disclosure by Public Officials, State Officials, and Candidates to Be State Officials:**

COMAR 19A.03.03.01

**Local Government Ethics Law: Appendices A and B – Model Ethics Laws A and B:**

COMAR 19A.04.00 Appendix A

**Appendices A and B – Model Ethics Laws A and B:** COMAR 19A.04.00 Appendix B

**General Provisions:** COMAR 19A.04.01.02

**Review Criteria:** COMAR 19A.04.02.04

**Board of Education Ethics Regulations: Appendices A and B – Model Board of**

**Education Ethics Regulations:** COMAR 19A.05.00 Appendix A

**Appendices A and B – Model Board of Education Ethics Regulations:**

COMAR 19A.05.00 Appendix B

**General Provisions:** COMAR 19A.05.01.02

**Review Criteria:** COMAR 19A.05.02.04

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to update State Ethics Commission regulations to conform to the provisions of General Provisions Article, Title 5.