



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Memorandum

To: Members of the AELR Committee
Standing Committee Chairs

From: John J. Joyce, AELR Committee Counsel
Kathleen P. Kennedy, AELR Committee Counsel
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Date: April 16, 2021

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 4/2/2021 through 4/15/2021**

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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Agriculture, Department of

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 21-024

Department of Agriculture:

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation:

Corrective Agricultural Land Preservation Easements:

COMAR 15.15.11.01 through .06

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to clarify terms and provisions regarding the criteria and procedure for entering into a corrective easement on a farm subject to an agricultural land preservation easement held by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation. This action further serves to articulate the circumstances, and procedures, under which a landowner's routine application for a corrective easement on farmland already subject to an agricultural land preservation easement held by the Foundation can be approved administratively.

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 21-025

Department of Agriculture:

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation:

Guidelines for Granting Overlay Easements and Rights-of-Way:

COMAR 15.15.16.01 through .05

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to clarify and expand upon the criteria and eligibility standards for the approval of overlay easements, and rights-of-way, on land subject to an agricultural land preservation easement held by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation. This will provide the Board of Directors for the Foundation with greater discretion in its consideration of reasonable and appropriate overlay easement requests.

Transportation, Department of

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 21-029

Department of Transportation:

Transportation Service Human Resources System:

Grievances: COMAR 11.02.09.01 through.03

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to bring the current regulation into conformity with Chapter 6, Acts of 2019 (HB0891), which expands the definition of a grievance by including a union's memorandum of understanding (MOU) terms and conditions as topics that can be subject to a grievance.

Higher Education Commission, Maryland

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 21-028

Maryland Higher Education Commission:

Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission:

Certification Standards and Procedures for Emergency Services Instructors:

COMAR 13B.03.01.01, .03, .04, .13, and .14

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to update the edition year of the incorporated instructor standards manual, change certain instruction methods, make minor style and language changes, and remove redundancies.

Insurance Administration, Maryland

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 21-027

Maryland Insurance Administration:

Insurance Producers and Other Insurance Professionals:

Producer Registers and Documentation of Appointments:

COMAR 31.03.13.02 and .04

According to the administration, the purpose of this action is to amend Regulations .02 and .04 under COMAR 31.03.13 Producer Registers and Documentation of Appointments. Specifically, the purpose of this change is to promote efficiency by narrowing the list of required elements in the registry to ensure that compliance is not unduly burdensome, as compared with the necessity of obtaining the required information.