



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, Jr., AELR Committee Counsel
Kathleen P. Kennedy, AELR Committee Counsel
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Date: July 14, 2021

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 6/28/2021 through 7/13/2021**

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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Elections, State Board of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 21-064

Board of Elections:

Voter Registration:

Definitions; General Provisions: COMAR 33.05.01.02

Processing VRAs and Other Requests: COMAR 33.05.04.04

Absentee Ballots: Definitions; General Provisions: COMAR 33.11.01.01

Applications: COMAR 33.11.02.05

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to allow for election officials to accept on certain Federal Post Card applications an electronic signature applied by a Common Access Card, in accordance with SB283 (Chapter 657) and HB156 (Chapter 656) of 2021.

Agriculture, Department of

Emergency/Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 21-063

Department of Agriculture:

Office of the Secretary:

Cost-Sharing – Water Pollution Control Program: COMAR 15.01.05.10

According to the department, this regulation implements Chapter 120 of 2021 by increasing the amount of State funding that projects may receive under the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share Program (MACS) from up to 87.5% of eligible costs to up to 100% of eligible costs.

Department of Human Services

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 21-061

Department of Human Services:

Social Services Administration:

Out-of-Home Placement Program: COMAR 07.02.11.08

According to the department, the purpose of this regulation is to revise the Medical Care regulation at COMAR 07.02.11.08 to improve health care services for children in out-of-home care. The regulation requires local departments of social services to make reasonable efforts to ensure that the comprehensive health assessment required by the existing regulation is completed within a time frame that allows for the inclusion of its findings and resulting individualized treatment plan in a written comprehensive assessment report. The regulation also requires local

departments of social services to make reasonable efforts to schedule an initial oral health evaluation by a dentist within 90 calendar days of initial placement if a child is one year old or older upon entry, or within 90 calendar days after the child's first birthday if the child is less than one year of age when placed.

Maryland Department of Health

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 21-060

Maryland Department of Health:

Medical Care Programs:

EPSDT School Health-Related Services or Health-Related Early Intervention

Services: COMAR 10.09.50.07

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to permit coverage of telehealth services rendered via audio-only and audio-visual technology by removing a categorical exclusion on services not rendered in-person.

Labor, Maryland Department of

Emergency/Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 21-062

Maryland Department of Labor:

Board of Master Electricians:

Fees and Deadlines: COMAR 09.09.01.01 through .04

Continuing Education: COMAR 09.09.02.01 through .03

General Regulations: COMAR 09.09.03.02

According to the department, Chapter 708 of 2021, which takes effect on July 1, 2021, requires the State Board of Electricians (“Board”) to issue and regulate new license classifications for the provision of electrical services in Maryland. Before the Board can implement certain aspects of the law, certain regulatory provisions, including the issuance of new license classifications, applicable fees, education requirements, and related license requirements, must be in effect.