



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: Georgeanne Carter, AELR Committee Counsel
Kathleen P. Kennedy, AELR Committee Counsel
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Date: February 18, 2022

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 1/24/2022 through 2/17/2022**

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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cc: Sally Robb
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Elections, State Board of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 22-277

Board of Elections:

Campaign Financing:

Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media: COMAR 33.13.07.02

Public Financing: COMAR 33.13.14.07 through .09

Violations: Prohibited Acts: COMAR 33.18.02.01 through .02

Disclosure by Persons doing Public Business: Penalties: COMAR 33.20.08.01

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to:

- define “Deep Fake” and the authority line requirements of a deep fake video or a text message that originates from a political committee.
- define the public financing rules surrounding coordinated in-kind contributions by a central committee;
- define “Electronic Signature” and the process and restrictions related using an electronic signature;
- define the prohibitions on transferring campaign funds from a publicly financed candidate;
- define the prohibited acts related to a deep fake or a political convention; and
- update the manner of assessing a late filing fee;
- increase the maximum fee that can be assessed for a late filing fee.

State Police, Department of

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 22-276

Department of State Police:

Fire Prevention Commission:

Fire Prevention Code: COMAR 29.06.01.

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to conform regulations in 29.06.01 with the documents being incorporated by reference: The National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) 1 Fire Code 2021 Edition and NFPA 101 Life Safety Code 2021 Edition.

Transportation, Department of

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 22-275

Department of Transportation:

Motor Vehicle Administration – Vehicle Inspections:

Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program: COMAR 11.14.08.01 through .20

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to modernize and enhance the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) to improve motorist convenience while continuing to maintain the significant air quality progress that has been achieved since the program's inception.

Civil Rights, Commission on

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 22-274

Independent Agencies:

State Public Information Act Compliance Board:

Definitions; General Provisions: COMAR 14.02.01.01 through .07

Complaint Process – Applicants: COMAR 14.02.02.01 through .09

Complaint Process – Custodians: COMAR 14.02.03.01 through .09

Informal Conference: COMAR 14.02.04.01 through .06

Request for Records or Additional Information: COMAR 14.02.05.01 through .07

Confidential Records or Information Provided Under COMAR 14.02.05.03:

COMAR 14.02.06.01 through .08

Decisions of Board: COMAR 14.02.07.01 through .05

Meetings of Board: COMAR 14.02.08.01 through .02

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to provide regulations governing the policies and procedures of the State Public Information Act Compliance Board as it will operate after July 1, 2022, with the expanded jurisdiction provided by Ch. 658, Acts of 2021.

Higher Education Commission, Maryland

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 22-271

Maryland Higher Education Commission:

Academic Regulations:

Exemption Procedures for Religious Educational Institutions and Religious

Institutions: COMAR 13B.02.04.05

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to add a deadline for requesting a hearing regarding a denial of an application for religious exemption.

Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, Maryland

Emergency/Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 22-272

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems:

Emergency Medical Services Providers:

Licensure and Certification: COMAR 30.02.02.03

According to the institute, acting pursuant to the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the "Governor") dated January 4, 2022, proclaiming a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19. As it may be amended or renewed from time to time, and the Order No. 22-01-04-02 of the Governor dated January 4, 2022. Entitled "Augmenting the Emergency Medical Services Workforce, MIEMSS, and the EMS Board issued a public notice modifying COMAR 30.02.02.03 to the extent that the cognitive and practical certification examination may occur before the required internship is complete. During the pandemic, internship opportunities have been limited and delaying exams until the completion of the required internship is not conducive to success on the exams and could delay the licensing process. MIEMSS and the EMS Board are seeking emergency status so that this modification can remain in place after the end of the State of Emergency and allow time for promulgation of the regulation.

Emergency/Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 22-273

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems:

Emergency Medical Services Providers:

Licensure and Certification: COMAR 30.02.02.13

According to the institute, the purpose of this action is to establish a pathway for individuals who received a provisional license or certificate under the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the "Governor") dated January 4, 2022. Proclaiming a state of emergency and a

catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19, and Order Number 22 - 01 - 04 - 02 of the Governor dated January 4, 2022. Entitled, "Augmenting the Emergency Medical Services Workforce and to extend the time to complete the requirements for those who received a provisional license or certificate under the previous State of Emergency."

The agency is seeking emergency status for these amendments so that this pathway to full status can be in place with the end of the State of Emergency and allow time for promulgation of the permanent regulation.