



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: Marie H. Razulis, AELR Committee Counsel
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Date: March 11, 2016

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 2/26/2016 through 3/10/2016**

Enclosed please find synopses of regulations received by the AELR Committee 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. 16-027

Department of Agriculture:

Animal Health:

Eradication of Scrapie in Maryland: COMAR 15.11.18.1-.08

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to update existing health regulations governing sheep and goats to address Scrapie so that they meet new federal standards. Scrapie is a contagious, degenerate disease of sheep and goats. The proposed action will enable Maryland to retain its status as a "Scrapie consistent state," and reap all the benefits that this status entails, such as ensuring the most favorable treatment possible for Maryland sheep and goat producers in any market. If adopted, sheep and goat producers will be able to continue to ship their livestock without further testing as required by federal regulations.

Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 16-026

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:

Board of Physicians:

Licensure of Polysomnographic Technologists: COMAR 10.32.06.04

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to allow a physician who is either board-eligible or board-certified in sleep medicine by the American Osteopathic Association to complete certain documentation for individuals pursuing a certain pathway to licensure as a polysomnographic technologist in Maryland.

Housing and Community Development, Department of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 16-025

Department of Housing and Community Development:

Special Loan Programs:

Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program - Regular Rehabilitation Program:

COMAR 05.04.01.06, .07-1 and .15

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to (1) update certain regulatory requirements for loan to value ratios and loan disbursements and (2) amend the types of financial assistance offered under the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program – Regular Rehabilitation Program.

Higher Education Commission, Maryland

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 16-031

Maryland Higher Education Commission:

Fully Online Programs:

Registration: COMAR 13B.05.01.11

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to clarify that all institutions of higher education that register with the Commission under COMAR 13B.05.01 must report to the Maryland Higher Education Commission regarding the number of students the institution places at internship, practicum, or field experience locations within the State.

Education, State Board of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 16-028

State Board of Education:

Specific Subjects:

Program in Physical Education: COMAR 13A.04.13.01 and .02

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to incorporate new standards and a 2014 legislative requirement that each county board provide, as part of the health or physical education curriculum, instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation that includes hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator.

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 16-029

State Board of Education:

Specific Subjects:

Program in Comprehensive Health Education: COMAR 13A.04.18.01 and .02

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to bring regulations in compliance with the legislation regarding instruction in Hands Free cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of automated external defibrillators.

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 16-030

State Board of Education:

Supporting Programs:

Prekindergarten Programs: COMAR 13A.06.02.01-.05

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to establish a mixed service delivery model which expands the operation of publicly funded prekindergarten to qualified vendors; extend the definition of high quality public prekindergarten to incorporate the highest tier of Maryland EXCELS; expand access to public prekindergarten to three-year olds from low-income families; and establish new grant-specific eligibility guidelines for accessing public prekindergarten.