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JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Memorandum

To: Members of the AELR Committee
Standing Committee Chairs

From: George H. Butler, Jr., AELR Committee Counsel
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Date: October 18, 2019

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 10/7/2019 through 10/17/2019**

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 Regulation

DLS Control No. 19-186

Board of Elections:

Voting Systems-System Requirements and Procedures:

EVS Voting Solution: COMAR 33.10.01.17

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to amend the regulation to include:

- the options for ballot packaging;
- the definition and requirements for a ballot stub;
- the definition and requirements for a ballot pack; and
- the protocol for if a local board opens a ballot pack prior to delivery to an early voting center or polling place.

Natural Resources, Department of

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 19-184

Department of Natural Resources:

Fisheries Service:

General: COMAR 08.02.01.05

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to modify the number of commercial fishing license authorization targets. The proposed action makes modifications to the authorization targets to reflect the number of tidal fish license conversions. The proposed action includes license conversions that occurred prior to April 15, 2019 and shows the target number for each authorization available after all of the adjustments.

Environment, Department of the

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 19-190

Department of the Environment:

Oil Pollution and Tank Management:

Underground Storage Tank Site Cleanup Reimbursement:

COMAR 26.10.14.01 through .11

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

- remove language that allows owners and operators of commercial underground storage tank systems (USTs) to submit applications for reimbursement of eligible site rehabilitation costs from the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund (the fund), which ceased in accordance with Ch. 177 of 2005;
- set limitations on fund reimbursements for certain applicants and clarify who may be reimbursed for eligible site rehabilitation costs from the fund; and
- make general formatting corrections and language clarifications.

Transportation, Department of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 19-189

Department of Transportation:

Motor Vehicle Administration – Financial Responsibility Requirements:

Self-Insurers: COMAR 11.18.02.02 and .03

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to eliminate obsolete language indicating that a Class B self-insurer includes “a District of Columbia taxicab association operating in the State under permit of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia”.

Veterans Affairs, Department of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 19-192

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program:

General Regulations: COMAR 35.06.01.02 and 07

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to establish procedures for the department to reimburse selected nonprofit training entities based on a program participant's successful completion of the entities' horse therapy protocol.

Maryland Department of Health

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 19-193

Maryland Department of Health:

Health Services Cost Review Commission:

Uniform Accounting and Reporting System for Hospitals and Related Institutions:

COMAR 10.37.01.02

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to update the commission's manual entitled "Accounting and Budget Manual for Fiscal and Operating Management" (August, 1987), which has been incorporated by reference.

Higher Education Commission, Maryland

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 19-187

Maryland Higher Education Commission:

Nonpublic Schools:

Classification of Nonpublic Institutions of Higher Education:

COMAR 13B.01.03.01 through .09

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to adopt regulations to implement the requirements of Chapter 515, 2019 Maryland Laws, and § 11-407.1 of the Education Article

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 19-188

Maryland Higher Education Commission:

Community Colleges:

Workforce Readiness Grant Program: COMAR 13B.07.06.01 through .05

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to adopt regulations to implement the requirements of § 16-321 of the Education Article and Chapter 457, 2019 Laws of Maryland.

Insurance Administration, Maryland

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 19-185

Maryland Insurance Administration:

Insurance Producers and Other Insurance Professionals:

Insurance Producers – Continuing Education Requirements: COMAR 31.03.02.10

According to the administration, the purpose of this action is to amend Regulation .10 under COMAR 31.03.02 (Insurance Producers – Continuing Education Requirements). Specifically, this change will reduce the number of days a provider has to report continuing education course completion from 15 to 10 days pursuant to a legislative change that took place under Chapter 102 of 2019.

Education, State Board of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 19-191

State Board of Education:

General Instruction Programs:

Graduation Requirements for Public High Schools in Maryland:

COMAR 13A.03.02.02, .03, .06 through .10, and .12

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to waive the requirement for certain students to pass certain state assessments and to define the impact unlawful absences would have on earning a credit in a course for high school.