Memorandum

To: Members of the AELR Committee
   Standing Committee Chairs

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Re: Synopses of Regulations received from 3/30/2020 through 4/9/2020

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

Emergency Regulation
DLS Control No. 20-028
Board of Elections:
Violations:
Public Notice:  COMAR 33.19.02.01

According to the board, the regulation repeals the requirement that the State Board of Elections, before the close of registration for each election, send a pre-election mailing to each pre-qualified voter that either includes the correct polling place for the pre-qualified voter’s address or instructs the pre-qualified voter how to find the correct polling place.

Natural Resources, Department of

Proposed Regulation
DLS Control No. 20-031
Department of Natural Resources:
Fisheries Service:
Fish:  COMAR 08.02.05.20

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Amendment 1 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Tautog. Specifically the proposed action (1) modifies the season and catch limits for the commercial and recreational fishery; (2) reorganizes the regulation for clarity by creating a commercial section which includes requirements that only apply to commercial harvesters; (3) updates the degradable materials required for pots and traps to better describe the language in the management plan; (4) establishes new regulations to implement a commercial tagging program; and (5) updates the public notice requirements for consistency with other species managed in accordance with Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission guidelines.

Proposed Regulation
DLS Control No. 20-032
Department of Natural Resources:
Fisheries Service:
Fish:  COMAR 08.02.05.22

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to update requirements for gear used to catch scup. Scup is managed jointly by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council under Amendment 13 to the Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (August 2002) and its subsequent addenda (Addenda XII-XXXII).
Proposed Regulations
DLS Control No. 20-033
Department of Natural Resources:
Fisheries Service:
Striped Bass: COMAR 08.02.15.09, .10, and .12

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to implement Addendum VI to Amendment 6 of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass. The proposed action amends the catch limit, size limit, and season to reduce total removals of striped bass during the recreational and charter boat summer and fall fishery in Maryland’s Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries.

Planning, Department of

Proposed Regulation
DLS Control No. 20-029
Department of Planning:
Census and Redistricting:
Redistricting Prison Populations: COMAR 34.05.01.01 through 04

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to update and clarify the provisions of this subtitle.

Transportation, Department of

Proposed Regulations
DLS Control No. 20-026
Department of Transportation:
Motor Vehicle Administration – Administrative Procedures:
Motor Vehicle Fees: COMAR 11.11.05.04
Motor Vehicle Administration – Vehicle Registration:
Temporary In-transit Registration: COMAR 11.15.37.01 through .04

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to set the fee charged for a temporary in-transit registration and to establish the criteria necessary for a nonresident of this State to apply for, and receive, a temporary in-transit registration, for purposes of transporting a vehicle purchased in Maryland to the nonresident purchaser’s state of residence for titling and registration to conform to Senate Bill 707, Chapter 287, Acts of 2019.
Health Benefit Exchange, Maryland

Proposed Regulations
DLS Control No. 20-027
Independent Agencies:
Maryland Health Benefit Exchange:
Eligibility Standards for Enrollment in a Qualified Health Plan and a Qualified Health Plan with APTC and CSR in the Individual Exchange: COMAR 14.35.07.12
Eligibility Standards for Enrollment in a Qualified Health Plan and a Qualified Health Plan with APTC and CSR in the Individual Exchange: COMAR 14.35.07.18
Eligibility Standards for Enrollment in a Qualified Health Plan and a Qualified Health Plan with APTC and CSR in the Individual Exchange: COMAR 14.35.07.19

According to the exchange, the purpose of this action is to amend regulations for conformity with federal requirements.

Labor, Maryland Department of

Proposed Regulation
DLS Control No. 20-030
Maryland Department of Labor:
Board of Professional Engineers:
Continuing Professional Competency Requirements: COMAR 09.23.06.15

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to clarify that a licensee may satisfy continuing competency requirements regardless of whether the educational credits were earned in or outside of the State of Maryland.

Education, State Board of

Proposed Regulation
DLS Control No. 20-034
State Board of Education:
Specific Subjects:
Program in Social Studies: COMAR 13A.04.08.01

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to update the social studies standards by grouping the standards into broad statements and removing the delineation of concepts within the wording. The amendments also broaden statements that guide the more specific wording of the indicators and objectives in the State Frameworks and local curricula.