



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

SYNOPSIS OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

The following document provides synopses of emergency regulations received by the AELR Committee on the dates noted below. Please contact the issuing agency for copies of the text of emergency regulations. For more information, please contact Kelvin Lucas, Kathleen Kennedy, or Georgeanne Carter at the number below.

Date Received	Title and Summary	Public Hearing Scheduled, *if any	Date & Summary of any action
January 13, 2026	Emergency/Proposed Regulations DLS Control No. 26-007 Maryland Department of Labor: Division of Labor and Industry: Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.02 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.03 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.09 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.10		

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	<p> Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.11 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.12 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.13 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.14 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.15 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.16 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.17 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.18 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.19 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.20 Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.21 </p> <p> According to the department, the purpose of this action is to incorporate by reference the American Society for Testing and Materials, F2374-22 and amend related regulations to include reference to applicable sections of F2374-22, amend to include certain defined terms, clarify certain requirements related to weather and anchorage, amend certain reporting requirements, update fire </p>		

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	extinguisher requirements and amend to clarify location and clearance requirements.		
January 5, 2026	<p>Emergency/Proposed Regulations DLS Control No. 26-002 Department of Agriculture: Office of the Secretary: Urban Agriculture Grant Program: COMAR 15.01.21.02 Urban Agriculture Grant Program: COMAR 15.01.21.04 Urban Agriculture Grant Program: COMAR 15.01.21.05 Urban Agriculture Grant Program: COMAR 15.01.21.06</p> <p>According to the department, the purpose of this action is to (1) amend existing Regulation .02 that defines certain terms; (2) specify that providing a measurable community benefit includes improving local food access; and (3) alter the basis for determining the amount of grant funds to be awarded by accessing the degree to which the project impacts a Healthy Food Priority Area, a newly defined term.</p>		
December 10, 2025	<p>A new regulation, referenced below, was received by the AELR committee. An analysis of the regulation will be sent to you once it is completed. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME.</p> <p>Emergency/Proposed Regulations DLS Control No. 25-310</p>	N/A	Emergency status approved beginning January 15, 2026 and expiring July 14, 2026.

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	<p>Department of Agriculture: Plant Pest Control: Regulation of Invasive Plants: COMAR 15.06.04.01 Regulation of Invasive Plants: COMAR 15.06.04.02 Regulation of Invasive Plants: COMAR 15.06.04.03 Regulation of Invasive Plants: COMAR 15.06.04.04 Regulation of Invasive Plants: COMAR 15.06.04.05 Regulation of Invasive Plants: COMAR 15.06.04.06 Regulation of Invasive Plants: COMAR 15.06.04.07</p> <p>According to the department, the purpose of this action is to implement new legislation altering the regulatory approach for controlling invasive plant species in the State. This includes requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a certain list of prohibited invasive plants by regulation. See Ch. 589, Acts of 2024 (SB 915; HB 979). The Proposed Action will have no impact on businesses (e.g., nurseries, plant dealers, and landscapers) beyond that noted in the Fiscal and Policy Note for this legislation. For small businesses, the Fiscal and Policy Note indicates that the impact may be “meaningful”; but that this impact may be mitigated by the phase-in of the legislation’s requirements. The Department notes that this impact may be further mitigated if consumers begin forgoing invasive plant species for their landscapes in favor of native plant species or other plants not contained on the prohibited invasive plant list.</p>		
November 24, 2025	<p>Emergency/Proposed Regulations DLS Control No. 25-299</p>	N/A	Emergency status approved beginning January 14, 2026 and expiring July 13, 2026

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	<p>Maryland Department of Labor: Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors -- Real Estate Appraisers: Educational Requirements: COMAR 09.19.02.04</p> <p>According to the department, this emergency regulation alters the effective date for education requirements for existing licensed real estate appraisers, certified appraisers and appraiser trainees to comport with federal law changes that take effect January 1, 2026.</p>		

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