



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: John J. Joyce, AELR Committee Counsel
Kathleen P. Kennedy, AELR Committee Counsel
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Date: November 30, 2020

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 11/13/2020 through 11/29/2020**

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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Comptroller of the Treasury

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 20-155

Comptroller of the Treasury:

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax:

Administration: COMAR 03.02.04.01

According to the office, the purpose of this action is to specify by regulation, the date or dates on which certain alcoholic beverage manufacturers or wholesalers must file an alcoholic beverage tax return.

Natural Resources, Department of

Emergency/Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 20-160

Department of Natural Resources:

Boating–Speed Limits and Operation of Vessels:

Potomac River: COMAR 08.18.21.07

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to establish a 6-knot speed limit in the Potomac River for the area surrounding the construction site of the Maryland Transportation Authority’s Harry W. Nice/Thomas “Mac” Middleton Bridge Replacement Design-Build Project. The project involves construction of a new bridge and demolition of the existing Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial/Senator Thomas “Mac” Middleton Bridge. The construction of the new bridge is scheduled to be completed by 2023 and the demolition of the old bridge is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2024. The proposed action describes an area around the construction site and establishes a speed limit for the area through December 31, 2024. Emergency approval of this action is requested to ensure public safety and protect human life. Without an established speed limit, the construction zone poses safety threats for all waterway users, employees, and contractors.

Workers' Compensation Commission

Work Plan

DLS Control No. 20-152

Independent Agencies:

Workers’ Compensation Commission: COMAR 14.09.01-17.

Work Plan submitted for review by the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review under the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act.

Maryland Department of Health

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 20-154

Maryland Department of Health:

Health Services Cost Review Commission:

Rate Application and Approval Procedures: COMAR 10.37.10.26

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to conform the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission regulations on Patient Rights and Obligations – Hospital Credit and Collection and Financial Assistance Policies with legislation enacted in the 2020 Maryland General Assembly legislative session (Chapter 470 of 2020).

Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, Maryland

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 20-156

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems:

Commercial Ambulance Services:

Definitions: COMAR 30.09.01.02

Neonatal Ambulance Service: COMAR 30.09.12.01 through 06

According to the institute, the purpose of this action is to clarify the appropriate level of ambulance transport for neonates and infants as well as streamline the requirements to allow flexibility to meet the needs of the patients.

Education, State Board of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 20-158

State Board of Education:

Specific Subjects:

Program of Instruction in the World of Work Competencies:

COMAR 13A.04.10.01 and .02

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to define requirements that each state and school system must complete to distribute and expend federal Perkins funds on career programs to be in compliance with the federal Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) that was signed into law in 2018.

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 20-159

State Board of Education:

Specific Subjects:

Secondary School Career and Technology Education:

COMAR 13A.04.02.01 through .06

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to define requirements that each state and school system must complete to distribute and expend federal Perkins funds on career programs to be in compliance with the federal Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) that was signed into law in 2018.

Procurement Regulations, State

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 20-157

State Procurement Regulations:

Contract Terms and Conditions:

Mandatory Construction Contract Clauses: COMAR 21.07.02.12

Socioeconomics Policies:

State Funded Construction Projects – Employee Health Care Expenses:

COMAR 21.11.15.01 through .03

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to propose regulations in COMAR Title 21 to implement recently enacted legislation regarding the payment of employee health care expenses for State-funded construction projects.