



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: Georgeanne Carter, AELR Committee Counsel
Kathleen P. Kennedy, AELR Committee Counsel
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Date: September 25, 2023

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 9/12/2023 through 9/24/2023**

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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cc: Sally Robb
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Department of Agriculture

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 23-225

Department of Agriculture: Office of the Secretary:

Farmers' Market Nutrition Program – Appeal Procedure:

COMAR 15.01.18.01 – .03, .07, .09, and .10

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to (1) alter and establish certain timelines governing appeals by a farmer participating in the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (WIC FMNP) that the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) administers (so that these timelines are consistent with those governing appeals by a farmer participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children that the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) administers); (2) establish certain timelines governing appeals by a farmer participating in the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) that MDA administers; and (3) make certain other clarifying amendments to the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 23-222

Department of Natural Resources:

Fisheries Service:

Fishing Licenses – Point Assignment, License Revocation and Suspension Schedule and Criteria, and Hearing Procedure: COMAR 08.02.13.06

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to require individuals who have the Northern Snakehead License and the Blue and Flathead Catfish Finfish Trotline License to submit monthly reports, similar to the rest of the commercial licensees who harvest finfish from Maryland's tidal waters. These are new licenses created by the General Assembly that were not included when the reporting regulations were first written because these licenses did not exist. The Department generally requires commercial licensees to submit monthly harvest reports to account for any activity taken under the authorization of that license. Currently, all finfish harvesters with the exception of Northern Snakehead License and Blue and Flathead Catfish Finfish Trotline License holders are required to submit the Commercial Finfish Log on a monthly basis. By adding these two license types to the Department's reporting regulation, all commercial finfish harvesters will be required to submit the same type of information. Commercial harvest reports are an important source of abundance data. Both the harvest information and the effort information (amount of work it took to land the harvest) are important indicators and assist in the Department's management of the State's fish resources.

Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 23-223

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 14.35.07.08, .12, .14, and .19

Termination, Cancellation, and Rescission of Qualified Health Plan:

COMAR 14.35.14.06 and .07

Carrier Certification Standards: COMAR 14.35.15.05, .06, .08

Plan Certification Standards: COMAR 14.35.16.07

According to the exchange, the purpose of this action is to bring MHBE into alignment with the federal 2024 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters; make technical corrections to bring MHBE regulations into alignment with current MHBE practices; and establish a limit on the number of plans offered per metal level per carrier beginning in Plan Year 2025.

Maryland Department of Labor

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 23-224

Maryland Department of Labor:

State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors: General Regulations: COMAR 09.15.02.07

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to amend the language of the regulation to comply with a legislative amendment pertaining to journeyman license requirements.