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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:** June 23, 2025

**Re:** **Synopses of Regulations received from 6/6/2025 through 6/22/2025**

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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  
Matthew Jackson

### **Comptroller of the Treasury**

#### **Emergency Regulations**

#### **DLS Control No. 25-145**

#### **Comptroller of the Treasury: Sales and Use Tax:**

**Sales and Use Tax:** COMAR 03.06.01.01, .03, .05, .07, .08, .11, .21, .28, and .47 – .50

#### **Administrative and Procedural Regulations, Sales and Use, and Admission and**

**Amusement Taxes:** COMAR 03.06.03.02

According to the office, these regulations are being proposed as emergency regulations to ensure that the Comptroller's regulatory guidance in COMAR Title 3 Subtitle 6 is accurate as of the July 1, 2025 effective date of certain changes to Maryland's sales and use tax laws, based upon legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2025 legislative session.

### **Natural Resources, Department of**

#### **Proposed Regulation**

#### **DLS Control No. 25-144**

#### **Department of Natural Resources: Boating–Speed Limits and Operation of Vessels:**

**General:** COMAR 08.18.01.08

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to update the section of the Patapsco River designated as Class III white water. The current section described in regulation is from Woodstock (Md. Rte. 125) to Glen Artney (Patapsco State Park—Old Dam). The reference to an “old dam” in Glen Artney is not completely clear; additionally, all of the Patapsco River dams have been removed, except for Daniels Dam, which is much further upstream than Glen Artney. After review of the area, a physical landmark was chosen as the endpoint to make it easy for users to understand. The proposed action designates Gun Road as the new endpoint. Gun Road crosses the river and is an easy landmark. Updating the endpoint of the Class III section of the Patapsco River will properly apprise paddlers of potential dangers.

### **Environment, Department of the**

#### **Emergency Regulations**

#### **DLS Control No. 25-148**

#### **Department of the Environment:**

#### **Regulation of Water Supply, Sewage Disposal, and Solid Waste:**

#### **On-site Wastewater Property Transfer Inspection License:**

COMAR 26.04.12.00 – .07 and .9999

#### **Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals:**

**General Regulations:** COMAR 26.31.01.01 – .07

According to the department, the statute to license inspectors of onsite sewage disposal systems (OSDS), Env Art 9-217.2, sunsets on 6/30/25. That statute gave MDE the authority for COMAR 26.04.12.01-.07. This emergency action seeks to continue the inspector training and licensing under COMAR 26.31.01.01-.07 while the newly established State Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals (Board), authorized by Env Art 9-11A-01 through 9-11A-23, develops regulations under a regular process for this professional function and for additional professional service categories.

### **Higher Education Commission, Maryland**

#### **Proposed Regulations**

#### **DLS Control No. 25-146**

#### **Maryland Higher Education Commission: Academic Regulations:**

#### **Requirements for Authorization of Out-of-State Degree-Granting Institutions to Operate in Maryland: COMAR 13B.02.01.12**

#### **Minimum Requirements for In-State Degree-Granting Institutions: COMAR 13B.02.02.16**

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to revise the definition of credit hour to align with the federal definition contained in 34 C.F.R. § 600.2, modernize the regulatory framework for credit hour determination across Maryland's postsecondary institutions, ensure consistency with federal policy, accreditation standards, and evolving instructional delivery models.

### **Education, State Board of**

#### **Proposed Regulations**

#### **DLS Control No. 25-143**

#### **State Board of Education: General Instruction Programs:**

#### **Students at Risk for Reading Difficulties: COMAR 13A.03.08.01 – .08**

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to enhance clarity, strengthen accountability, and ensure alignment with current best practices in reading instruction.