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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 Kelvin V. Lucas, AELR Committee Counsel

Date: August 1, 2025

Re: Synopses of Regulations received from 7/21/2025 through 7/31/2025

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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Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays

Proposed Regulations DLS Control No. 25-167

Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays:

Criteria For Local Critical Area Program Development:

Enforcement: COMAR 27.01.15.01 – .06

Project Applications:

Notification of Project Applications: COMAR 27.03.01.03 and .04

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to (1) Adopt new Regulations .01 – .06 under a new chapter, COMAR 27.01.15 Enforcement, to include in COMAR what is in Natural Resources Article 8, Title 18 and address the following provisions related to enforcement: property access; active violations and stop work orders; notices of violation; fees and penalties; abatement, restoration, and mitigation plans; timeframes for notifying the property owner of a violation; deadlines for response to a violation from the property owner; appeals process; and processes for local jurisdictions to request enforcement assistance from the Commission Chair; and (2) amend Regulations .03 and .04 under COMAR 27.03.01 Project Applications to update the type and number of project applications submitted to Commission staff for review and comment, and to update the notice procedures for state and local government projects.

Natural Resources, Department of

Proposed Regulations DLS Control No. 25-168

Department of Natural Resources: Office of the Secretary:

Chesapeake Forest Lands: COMAR 08.01.07.10

Use of Bicycles and Electric Bicycles on Department Lands:

COMAR 08.01.10.01 - .06

Forest and Parks: State Forests: COMAR 08.07.01.25

Use of State Parks: COMAR 08.07.06.25

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to provide clear guidelines for the use of bicycles and electric bicycles on Maryland state lands. They are designed to complete three goals: define where bicycles and electric bicycles are permitted, including specific trails, roads, and areas; establish criteria for restricting access to certain trails or areas based on environmental, safety, or user conflict concerns; and provide operational rules for users.

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Proposed Regulation
DLS Control No. 25-173
Department of Natural Resources: Wildlife: Wildlife Possession: COMAR 08.03.09.11

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to remove a sunset clause that would alter the date structure for when Deer Cooperator Permits can be used.

Public Safety and Correctional Services, Department of

Proposed Regulations
DLS Control No. 25-180
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services:
Police Training Commission:
Police Accountability Boards and Administrative Charging Committees:
COMAR 12.04.09.04, .06, and .07

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to amend COMAR 12.04.09 in order to comply with the passage of SB533, which alters the deadlines for the completion of the process of review and investigation of police misconduct complaints; establishes timelines for internal police misconduct not involving members of the public and alters the timeline for police misconduct cases that are criminal in nature.

Transportation, Department of

Proposed Regulation DLS Control No. 25-169 Department of Transportation:

Motor Vehicle Administration — Administrative Procedures:

Ignition Interlock Program: COMAR 11.11.13.05

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to allow Ignition Interlock Program (Program) participants, who violate the certain conditions of the Program's requirements and who would have previously had to wait 30 days to re-enroll in the Program, to stay in the Program and extend the participant's imposition.

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Maryland Department of Health

Proposed Regulations DLS Control No. 25-178

Maryland Department of Health: Board of Dental Examiners:

Dental Assistants: COMAR 10.44.01.01 – .30

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to establish a new regulatory scheme to recognize and certify orthodontic expanded function dental assistants and general duties expanded function dental assistants in accordance with House Bill 968, Health Occupations - Dental Assistants -Certification and Regulation, Chapter 364 (2022). The bill specifies the intraoral procedures that require certification, establishes initial educational requirements, continuing education requirements, and requirements for certification renewal and reinstatement. The chapter also specifies those intraoral procedures that do not require certification.