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JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Memorandum

To: Members of the AELR Committee
Standing Committee Chairs

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Date: October 15, 2025

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 9/26/2025 through 10/14/2025**

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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Public Safety and Correctional Services, Department of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 25-228

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services:

Correctional Training Commission:

Body Worn Cameras: COMAR 12.10.07.01 – .11

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to promulgate body-worn camera regulations that establish minimum criteria for the training, use, operation, maintenance, and storage of body-worn camera recordings by correctional agencies. These regulations are required under Chapter 609 of the acts of the 2025 Maryland General Assembly. Body-worn cameras promote accountability, safety, and transparency by providing an objective and documented record of interactions between correctional officers and incarcerated or supervised individuals and members of the public. The adoption of body-worn cameras is voluntary and is applicable to both State and local correctional agencies.

Secretary of State

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 25-233

Executive Department: Secretary of State:

Charitable Organizations: Substantive Regulations: COMAR 01.02.04.22

According to the Secretary, the purpose of this action is to adopt a new regulation to administer changes to the law regarding the ability of the Secretary of State to waive or suspend late fees. This action puts into regulation long-standing practices of the Secretary of State with regards to reviewing and making determinations about requests from charitable organizations to waive or suspend late fees; creating guidelines for how to request a late fee waiver or suspension for a charitable organization; and listing factors that the Secretary of State may consider when making a determination about a request.

Maryland Department of Health

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 25-225

Maryland Department of Health: Procedures:

Health Care Practitioner User Fee Collection: COMAR 10.01.01.01 – .12

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to update COMAR 10.01.01 in compliance with House Bill 19/Senate Bill 216, Chapter 416 (2025), which amended Tax-General Article, §§10-739 and 739.1, Annotated Code of Maryland, to lower the minimum hours of

community-based clinical training from the current 100 rotation hours to 90 rotation hours for program participants precepting nurse practitioner, registered nurse, and licensed practical nurse students as previously stated in House Bill 1208, Chapter 675 (2022). This proposal describes the procedures used by the Department to administer and manage the Income Tax Credit for Preceptors in Areas with Health Care Workforce Shortages Programs (Income Tax Credit for Preceptors program), including the processing of applications and issuance of income tax credits certificates.

The Income Tax Credit for Preceptors program aims to improve the healthcare workforce in areas of the state with healthcare workforce shortages by offering tax credits to licensed healthcare professionals who serve as preceptors in healthcare workforce shortage areas. The proposed regulations will streamline the administration and management of the Income Tax Credit for Preceptors program by adding an appeals process to COMAR 10.01.01, offering an opportunity for program applicants to challenge the Department's decision to disapprove an application in a fair and open process.

In addition, this proposal will amend COMAR 10.01.01 as stipulated in Tax-General Article, § 10-751, Annotated Code of Maryland, under House Bill 1252/Senate Bill 102, Chapter 153 (2021), to expand the definition of healthcare practitioner to include a list of nursing professions as listed in House Bill 1208, Chapter 675 (2022), repeal regulations .07 – .10 under current COMAR 10.01.01, and revise other regulations for efficiency of program management.

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 25-226

Maryland Department of Health: Dangerous Devices and Substances:

Prohibition of Smoking in Indoor Areas Open to the Public:

COMAR 10.19.04.01 – .06 and .12

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to update regulations for the Clean Indoor Air Act (COMAR 10.19.04) pursuant to SB 244 - Public Health - Clean Indoor Air Act - Revisions (2024).

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 25-227

Maryland Department of Health: Board of Pharmacy:

Sterile Pharmaceutical Compounding: COMAR 10.34.19.01 – .03 and .05 – .19

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to (1) update incorporation by reference documents; (2) revise certain definitions; (3) add clarifying and update language throughout the chapter to be in compliance with national standards; (4) revise record keeping requirements; (5) clarify and update buffer room requirements; (6) clarify and update policies and procedures; (7) clarify and update standards for quality assurance; and (8) update required reference materials.

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 25-234

Maryland Department of Health: Board of Dental Examiners:

Fees: COMAR 10.44.20.02

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to establish new fees for the Expanded Function Dental Assistants, a new certification type administered by the Board in accordance with House Bill 968, Health Occupations – Dental Assistants – Certification and Regulation, 2022, Chapter 364.

Emergency Regulations

DLS Control No. 25-237

Maryland Department of Health: Board of Pharmacy:

Pharmacist Administration of Vaccinations: COMAR 10.34.32.02 – .08

According to the department, this emergency action is being requested in order to align the Board of Pharmacy's vaccination regulations with existing State law. Emergency action is requested due to federal government uncertainty around vaccine policy which raised questions for many. The Board feels that resolving the conflict between statute and regulation will provide greater clarity to pharmacists and the public thereby furthering the commitment to protect vaccine access in the State.

Labor, Maryland Department of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 25-229

Maryland Department of Labor: Division of Labor and Industry:

Inflatable Amusement Attractions: COMAR 09.12.66.02, .03, and .09 – .19

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 extinguisher requirements and amend to clarify location and clearance requirements.

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 25-232

**Maryland Department of Labor: Workforce Development and Adult Learning:
Grant Programs for Law Enforcement Cadet Apprenticeship Program and the
Apprenticeship Career Training Pilot Program for Formerly Incarcerated**

Individual: COMAR 09.37.03.01, .02, and .08

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to provide guidance on the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program. More specifically, the current regulations refer to the Law

Enforcement Cadet Apprenticeship Program, which was updated to be the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program through the passage of 2024 Maryland Laws Chapter 709, “Growing Apprenticeships and the Public Safety Workforce (GAPS) Act” during the 2024 legislative session (Maryland Code Annotated, Labor and Employment Article, § 11-603).

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 25-238

Maryland Department of Labor: Real Estate Commission:

General Regulations: COMAR 09.11.01.23

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to revise the course time requirement in the regulation from 3 to 1.5 clock hours so that the regulation is consistent with new statutory language.

Public Service Commission

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 25-224

Public Service Commission: Service Supplied by Electric Companies:

Maryland Energy Storage Program: COMAR 20.50.14.01 – .13

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to (1) describe the conditions required and the standards that are applicable for energy storage devices under COMAR 20.50.14.01; (2) add definitions needed to implement the requirements of this chapter under COMAR 20.50.14.02; (3) incorporate an IBR document under COMAR 20.50.14.03; (4) set requirements for program administration, including the following: (a) the proposal and setting of targets; (b) counting of energy storage devices for enrollment and registration; (c) requirements for energy storage devices supplying grid services; (d) conditions under which pre-existing energy storage devices may participate in the Maryland Energy Storage Program; (e) General Maryland Energy Storage Program administration; and (f) the handling of complaints under COMAR 20.50.14.04; (5) set requirements for the enrollment and registration of electric company owned front-of-the meter energy storage devices in the Maryland Energy Storage Program under COMAR 20.50.14.05; (6) set requirements for the enrollment and registration of behind-the-meter energy storage devices in the Maryland Energy Storage Program under COMAR 20.50.14.06; (7) set requirements for the enrollment and registration of non-electric company owned front-of-the-meter energy storage devices in the Maryland Energy Storage Program under COMAR 20.50.14.07; (8) describe exemptions from this chapter and set general requirements for the request of waivers to specific requirements in this chapter under COMAR 20.50.14.08; (9) set stakeholder engagement and participation requirements for front-of-the-meter energy storage devices and to comply with applicable notification and public meeting requirements of the Renewable Energy Certainty Act under COMAR 20.50.14.09; (10) set safety, siting, and environmental requirements for front-of-the-meter energy storage devices and to comply with applicable siting requirements of the Renewable Energy Certainty Act under COMAR 20.50.14.10; (11) set requirements for state agency review of energy storage device

applications under COMAR 20.50.14.11; (12) set requirements for Public Service Commission approvals for front-of-the-meter energy storage devices and to comply with applicable Commission approval requirements of the Renewable Energy Certainty Act under COMAR 20.50.14.12; and (13) set requirements for annual reporting of energy storage device enrollments and registrations and assessments of initiatives within the Maryland Energy Storage Program under COMAR 20.50.14.13.

Education, State Board of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 25-230

State Board of Education: Family Child Care Central Repository:

Scope and Definitions: COMAR 13A.15.01.02

Operational Requirements: COMAR 13A.15.04.03

Educational Programs in Nonpublic Nursery Schools: COMAR 13A.15.16.01 – .10

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to allow family child care programs to operate as a nonpublic nursery school. As a result, family child care providers would also be eligible to participate in an approved preparation program and therefore in public pre-kindergarten.