



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
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Date: February 13, 2026

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 1/30/2026 through 2/12/2026**

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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Assessments and Taxation, Department of

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 26-021

**Department of Assessments and Taxation: Real Property Assessments:
Agricultural Use Assessments: COMAR 18.02.03.05**

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to clarify the requirements for a real property agricultural use assessment for parcels of fewer than 20 acres. Specifically, this regulation clarifies that the 5-acre minimum for eligible woodland parcels to qualify applies to all properties as intended by Maryland statute.

Transportation, Department of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-020

**Department of Transportation: Maryland Aviation Administration:
Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport:**

COMAR 11.03.01.01-1, and .12

Martin State Airport: COMAR 11.03.02.10

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to incorporate by reference the new certified Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) Noise Zone reflecting the noise contours for the new base year of 2025 and new future years of 2030 and 2035, as well as the new certified Martin State Airport (MTN) Noise Zone reflecting the noise contours for the new base year of 2025 and new future years of 2030 and 2035.

Health Benefit Exchange, Maryland

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 26-024

**Independent Agencies: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange:
Carrier Certification Standards: COMAR 14.35.15.08**

According to the exchange, the purpose of this action is to adjust the on-exchange plan limit in the small group market from the current 4 plans per metal tier per carrier license, to 8 plans per metal tier per insurance holding company, beginning plan year 2027. The intent is to increase flexibility for insurers that operate with only one license to offer additional plans, and put insurers on a more equal footing in terms of the number of plans each can offer.

Maryland Department of Health

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-017

Maryland Department of Health: Laboratories:

Medical Laboratories - Testing for Hereditary and Congenital Disorders in

Newborn Infants: COMAR 10.10.13.12

Preventive Medicine:

Newborn Screening: COMAR 10.52.12.05

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to add Infantile Krabbe Disease (“Krabbe”) to the Maryland Newborn Screening Panel as recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP) and the Maryland Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders. Implementation of testing for Krabbe is also required by House Bill 96 (Chapter 177 of 2024) and Senate Bill 117 (Chapter 178 of 2024). Testing for Krabbe will assist with early diagnosis and allow for treatment to manage symptoms and slow the progression of this rare disease.

Labor, Maryland Department of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-018

Maryland Department of Labor: Division of Labor and Industry:

Employee Injury and Illness Records and Reports:

COMAR 09.12.21.01, .02, and .04

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to require all public bodies to comply with the recording and reporting requirements of workplace injuries and illnesses in 29 CFR §1904, regardless of size or industry, as prescribed in the Davis Martinez Public Employee Safety and Health Act of 2025 (SB 26/HB 176). This action also adds “as amended” to the adoption of the federal standard 29 CFR §1904 to ensure the most recent federal standard is in effect.

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 26-023

Maryland Department of Labor: State Athletic Commission:

Conduct of Boxing Contests: COMAR 09.14.06.16

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to increase the number of rounds permitted at a boxing contest from 40 rounds to 52 rounds.

Education, State Board of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-019

State Board of Education: State School Administration:

Appeals to the State Board of Education: COMAR 13A.01.05.12 and .13

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to add a process for request of interim relief during the period in between an individual's submission of a request for the State Board to issue charges for removal of a local member of a board of education and when the State Board issues a final decision on the removal request.