



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

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Date: July 31, 2026

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 7/17/2026 through 7/30/2026**

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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Housing and Community Development, Department of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-133

Department of Housing and Community Development:

Neighborhood and Community Assistance Programs:

Community Investment Tax Credit Program: COMAR 05.14.01.04 and .06

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to add educator workforce housing as an eligible activity under the Community Investment Tax Credit program.

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-134

Department of Housing and Community Development: Revitalization Programs:

Catalytic Revitalization Project Tax Credit: COMAR 05.20.06.02 and .04

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to add a definition of workforce housing and include workforce housing as an activity under the Catalytic Revitalization Tax Credit applications.

Department of Human Services

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 26-123

Department of Human Services: Family Investment Administration:

Critical Medical Needs Program: COMAR 07.03.25.04

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to reduce administrative obstacles for households with critically medically vulnerable individuals applying for financial assistance for their energy bills through the Department of Human Service's Critical Medical Needs Program. The program facilitates energy assistance to households with critically medically vulnerable individuals through authorized navigators (e.g., hospitals, elder care facilities, and community health workers), who directly assist households in the application process. Presently, an application must include a certification that someone in the applicant's household has a serious illness or need for life-support equipment, which must be verified by either a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner.

The proposed action would: (1) add as an option for certification to include self-attestation by applicant and (2) broaden the type of medical professional that can verify a certification to include a physician assistant. These proposed changes will streamline access to energy assistance by reducing barriers for individuals who may have limited mobility, difficulty accessing medical appointments, or challenges obtaining documentation due to disability or illness.

Public Safety and Correctional Services, Department of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-120

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services:

Police Training Commission:

Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission Fund:

COMAR 12.04.13.01 – .05

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to establish procedures, authorizations, and fiscal management guidelines for the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission Fund. The regulation outlines administrative responsibilities, requiring the Commission and its Executive Director to develop annual spending plans, approve expenditures aligned with the Commission's Strategic Plan, and ensure proper oversight through quarterly reporting.

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-127

Independent Agencies: Alcohol and Tobacco Commission:

Alcoholic Beverages: COMAR 14.23.01.08 and .20

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to clarify the manner in which certain alcoholic beverages can be distributed throughout the State. Current regulatory language has allowed for overlapping distributorship appointments for certain wine and spirits beverages that are challenging for the agency to track, manage, and regulate. This action will establish guidelines for packaging, notice, and reporting requirements when distributing non-conforming beverages in Maryland.

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 26-131

Independent Agencies: Prescription Drug Affordability Board:

General Provisions: COMAR 14.01.01.05

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to amend COMAR 14.01.01.05(B) to provide for a comment period of at least 15 days when the Board requests comment by posting notice on its website.

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-132

Independent Agencies: Prescription Drug Affordability Board:

Cost Review Study Process: COMAR 14.01.04.01 – .06

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to amend Regulations .01 – .05 to: (1) establish circumstances under which use of a prescription drug product has led to an affordability challenge; (2) update and clarify certain metrics, factors and procedures used in the Cost Review Study Process; and (3) to adopt a new Regulation .06 that creates a mechanism for the public and Eligible Governmental Entities to report drug affordability issues.

Maryland Department of Disabilities

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-128

Maryland Department of Disabilities: General Provisions:

Regulations and Related Procedures: COMAR 37.01.01.00 – .03

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to (1) implement Human Services Article, Section 7-110, which requires the Secretary of Disabilities to promulgate the regulations of the Maryland Department of Disabilities and its units; (2) establish the subtitle and chapter under a new Title 37 in COMAR; and (3) lay the foundation for the future proposal and adoption of departmental regulations by the Secretary.

Maryland Department of Health

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-125

Maryland Department of Health: Cancer Control:

Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund: COMAR 10.14.09.01 – .13

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to adopt regulations implementing the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund, pursuant to Health-General Article §20-120, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-126

Maryland Department of Health: Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors:

Natural Organic Reduction — Definitions: COMAR 10.29.23.01 – .02

Natural Organic Reduction — Permit, Licensing, and Fees:

COMAR 10.29.24.01 – .15

Natural Organic Reduction — Procedures: COMAR 10.29.25.01 – .13

Natural Organic Reduction — Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures:

COMAR 10.29.26.01 – .05

Natural Organic Reduction — Code of Ethics: COMAR 10.29.27.01 and .02

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to establish regulations to provide the service of natural organic reduction as an option for the final disposition of human remains in the State, pursuant to Chs. 599 and 600, Acts of 2024.

Labor, Maryland Department of

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 26-129

Maryland Department of Labor: Board of Foresters:

General Regulations: COMAR 09.29.01.02

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to clarify the educational eligibility requirements for forester license applicants, which require amendment to comply with Business Occupations and Professions, General Provisions Article, § 7-304(b), Annotated Code of Maryland, which was amended during the 2026 Maryland legislative session.

Education, State Board of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-121

State Board of Education: Special Instructional Programs:

Programs of Pupil Services: COMAR 13A.05.05.01 and .16

Certification: Administrators and Supervisors: COMAR 13A.12.04.11

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to define, update and clarify the requirements for school social worker licensure programs.

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-122

State Board of Education: Child Care Centers:

Child Supervision: COMAR 13A.16.08.03

Safety: COMAR 13A.16.10.02

Child Care—Letters of Compliance: Child Supervision: COMAR 13A.17.08.03

Safety: COMAR 13A.17.10.02

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to increase flexibility regarding maximum group size, staffing, and first aid and CPR requirements for programs serving school-age children.