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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: August 14, 2026

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 7/31/2026 through 8/13/2026**

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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Natural Resources, Department of

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 26-136

Department of Natural Resources: Fisheries Service:

Striped Bass: COMAR 08.02.15.07

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to allow an individual participating in the striped bass drift gill net fishery to harvest other species of fish while fishing for striped bass using large mesh (5 to 7 inches) drift gill nets.

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-142

Department of Natural Resources: Fisheries Service:

Fish: COMAR 08.02.05.07, .13, and .20

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to require seafood dealers to allow Department biologists access to Atlantic menhaden, tautog, and weakfish landed in Maryland. The proposed action also updates the public notice provisions for each species to reflect the Department's current public notice process.

Criminal Sentencing Policy, Commission on

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-135

Independent Agencies: Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy:

Criminal Offenses and Seriousness Categories: COMAR 14.22.02.01 and .02

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to modify Regulations .01 and .02 under COMAR 14.22.02 Criminal Offenses and Seriousness Categories to reflect (1) new and revised penalties from the 2026 Legislative Session and (2) the addition of five previously unclassified offenses.

Maryland Department of Disabilities

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-130

Independent Agencies: Program Services:

Attendant Care Program: COMAR 14.11.01.01

Office of Personal Care Services:

Attendant Care Program: COMAR 37.02.01.00 – .13

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to establish the regulations for the Maryland Department of Disabilities' Attendant Care Program that were previously under COMAR 14.11.01 in the department's COMAR Title, Title 37. This is a technical change. The regulations from COMAR 14.11.01 are being repealed and proposed for adoption, without any changes, as COMAR 37.02.01.

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-141

Maryland Department of Disabilities: Maryland Assistive Technology Program:

General Program Requirements: COMAR 37.03.01.00 – .07

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to (1) implement Human Services Article, Title 7, Subtitle 14, which established the Maryland Assistive Technology Program of the Maryland Department of Disabilities; and
(2) articulate general requirements for the program.

Maryland Department of Health

Emergency/Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-124

Maryland Department of Health: Board of Nursing:

Examination and Licensure: COMAR 10.27.01.04 and .14

Registered Nurse - Workers' Compensation Medical Case Manager:

COMAR 10.27.16.02 – .04

Board of Nursing - Certified Nursing Assistants:

Certification of Nursing Assistants: COMAR 10.39.01.04

Medication Technicians: COMAR 10.39.04.02, .04, .05, and .11

Certified Dialysis Technicians: COMAR 10.39.06.03

Board of Nursing - Electrology Practice Committee:

Licensure: COMAR 10.53.02.01, .03, and .05 – .07

Board of Nursing - Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives:

Practice of Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives: COMAR 10.64.01.01 and .17

Board of Nursing – Licensed Certified Midwives:

Licensure of Licensed Certified Midwives: COMAR 10.69.01.02, .04, and .06

According to the department, these regulations implement Chapters 370 and 371 of 2026 which required criminal history records checks (CHRCs) for individuals regulated by certain State health occupations boards. As such, the regulations make conforming changes to regulations governing the Board of Nursing (board) in general, as well as provisions specific to certified nursing assistants, electrology practice, licensed direct entry midwives, and licensed certified midwives.

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-139

Maryland Department of Health: Food:

Food Service Facilities: COMAR 10.15.03.02, .25, .26, .28, and .30

Food and Drink Processing and Transportation: COMAR 10.15.04.15

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to raise the revenue cap from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for cottage food businesses and for On-Farm Home Processing Plant licensees. Additionally, this action amends a stipulation for certain products exempted from the revenue cap for On-Farm Home Processing Plant licensees. Finally, it renumbers the definitions in COMAR 10.15.03.02 for proper formatting and makes corresponding changes to cross references throughout the chapter.

Insurance Administration, Maryland

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-138

Maryland Insurance Administration: Insurers:

Filing of Underwriting Standards: COMAR 31.04.16.02 and .04 – .07

Property and Casualty Insurance:

Application of a Percentage Deductible in the Case of a Hurricane or Other Storm:
COMAR 31.08.13.04

According to the administration, the purpose of this action is to require that: (1) insurers file underwriting standards for homeowner's insurance, and any subsequent amendments; and (2) insurers file underwriting standards for PPA insurance, and any subsequent amendments. In the past, the MIA required carriers to file underwriting guidelines for certain products. That practice ended in 2017. These regulations would reinstate the practice for homeowner's and personal passenger auto (PPA) insurance. These regulatory changes would give the MIA greater insight into homeowners' filings and personal auto filings and the overall status of these critical markets for Marylanders.