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**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE**

2015 - 2016 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-416**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional & Occupational Regulation, **Board of Social Worker Licensure**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: None.

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY**:

**CHAPTER 10**: Definitions

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §§ 7001-A, 7030(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the terms used in these rules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 11**: Advisory Rulings

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 MRSA §§ 8051, 9001(4)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise advisory rulings by the board.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 12**: Application for Licensure

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §§ 7030(1) and (2), 7051, 7053, 7054-A, 7056, 7060; 10 MRSA §8003(2-A)(D)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the application process for social work licensure.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 13**: Licensure

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §§ 7030(1) and (2), 7051, 7053, 7054-A, 7056, 7060

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the requirements for licensure among the different types of licensure.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 14**: Continuing Professional Education

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §7030(5)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the continuing professional education requirements for social workers.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 15**: Scope of Practice

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §§ 7001-A(11), 7053-A

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the permissible scope-of-practice applicable to the different categories of licenses issued by the board, and related provisions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 16**: Enforcement and Disciplinary Procedures

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §§ 7030(1) and (2), 7051, 7059

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise its rules regarding enforcement and disciplinary procedures used by the board and the board's interpretation of certain grounds for discipline contained in 32 MRSA § 7059.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 17**: Record Retention Requirements

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §7030(2)

PURPOSE: The board will propose this new chapter in order to set forth licensee obligations for retaining client records.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.