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**MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

2017-2018 Regulatory Agenda

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**AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: 94-348**

**AGENCY NAME: Maine Human Rights Commission**

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

**EXPECTED 2017-2018 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 2**: Procedural Rule

STATUTORY BASIS: 5 M.R.S. § 4566(7).

PURPOSE: Update processes for requests to reopen claims and reconsideration of dismissals, clarification of rules regarding hearings and submissions to the Commission, update rule to reflect personnel and procedural changes.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Unknown.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Parties appearing before the Commission, individuals or entities requesting copies of Commission records.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: No.

**CHAPTER 3**: Employment

STATUTORY BASIS: 5 M.R.S. § 4566(7).

PURPOSE: Update provisions relating to sexual orientation discrimination, pregnancy, and service animals

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Unknown.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Employers, employment agencies, labor unions, and individuals.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: No.

**CHAPTER 7**: Accessibility

STATUTORY BASIS: 5 M.R.S. § 4566(7).

PURPOSE: Update provisions relating to sexual orientation discrimination and service animals

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Unknown.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Public accommodations and their owners, individuals

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: No.

**CHAPTER 8**: Housing

STATUTORY BASIS: 5 M.R.S. § 4566(7).

PURPOSE: Update provisions relating to service animals

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Unknown.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Landlords, rental companies, individuals

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: No.