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Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS**

2020 - 2021 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-041**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **American Sign Language Interpreters**

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

**EXPECTED 2020-2021 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:** Rules will be established to implement 2019 Public Law Chapter 284, which includes licensing requirements for a new conditional licenses and discontinuance of initial limited licensure. Rules for this program were last adopted May 9, 2009 and included a complete rewrite and reorganization of the rules.

**CHAPTER 50:** Definitions

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 1522(1), 1521

PURPOSE: This chapter defines certain terms used in these rules. Rule changes may be made as necessary to clarify program requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants, licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not as per 5 M.R.S. § 8051-B, but through the advisory council established pursuant to 32 M.R.S § 1522(4).

**CHAPTER 51**: Requirements for Initial Licensure

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 1522(1), 1524-B, 1524-C

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth criteria for the initial licensure of interpreters and describes the application process. Rule changes may be made as necessary to clarify program requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not as per 5 M.R.S. § 8051-B, but through the advisory council established pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 1522(4).

**CHAPTER 52**: License Renewal and Continuing Education

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 1522(1), 1528, 1528-A

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth continuing education requirements and describes the license renewal process. Rule changes may be made as necessary to clarify program requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not as per 5 M.R.S. § 8051-B, but through the advisory council established pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 1522(4).

**CHAPTER 54**: Disclosure Statement

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. §§ 1522(1)

PURPOSE: This chapter describes the statutory disclosure to be furnished by interpreters to consumers and clients. Pursuant to legislation enacted through PL 2019, Chapter 284 which repealed 32 M.R.S. § 1531, this Chapter is obsolete and should be repealed.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year.
AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not as per 5 M.R.S. § 8051-B, but through the advisory council established pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 1522(4).

**CHAPTER 55**: Complaints and Investigations

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 1522(1)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the rights of an applicant or licensee to appeal certain regulatory actions and identifies the enforcement and disciplinary procedure used by the director. Rule changes may be made as necessary to clarify program requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not as per 5 M.R.S. § 8051-B, but through the advisory council established pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 1522(4).