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**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION (General)**

Maine Administrative Procedure Act

2015-2016 Regulatory Agenda

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

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, **Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (OPOR) -** General Rules

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

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 10**: Establishment of License Fees *(amendment)*

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 10 MRSA §8003(2-A)(D)

PURPOSE: Establishment of license and related fees for OPOR programs. OPOR amends the fee amounts contained in this rule, establishes new fees, and discontinues existing fees on an ongoing basis.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Variable.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees, continuing education course providers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 11**: Late Renewals

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 10 MRSA §8003(2-A)(E)

PURPOSE: Amendment of rule as necessary in light of experience.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Variable.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 13**: Uniform Procedures for Substantiating Continuing Education Requirements

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 10 MRSA §8003(2-A)(E)

PURPOSE: Amendment of rule as necessary in light of experience.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Variable.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees, board staff, board members.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER XX**: Uniform Complaint Procedures

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 10 MRSA §8003(2-A)(E)

PURPOSE: Establishment of a uniform complaint procedure for all the OPOR programs.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Variable.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Complainant, licensees, board staff, board members.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER XX**: Uniform Policy on Protested Checks

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 10 MRSA §8003(2-A)(E)

PURPOSE: Establishment of a uniform policy for all OPOR programs regarding bounced checks.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Variable.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees whose license checks are returned unpaid for insufficient funds or other reasons, OPOR and board staff.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER XX**: No specific title – see description of purpose below

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 10 MRSA §8003(2-A)(E)

PURPOSE: “To establish by rule, such processes and procedures necessary to administer the various boards, commissions and regulatory functions of the office…”

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Variable.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees, board staff, board members.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.