

Rule-Making Fact Sheet

(5 MRSA §8057-A)

AGENCY: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Maine Fuel Board

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND RULE TITLE: Chapter 1- Definitions, Chapter 2 - Advisory Rulings, Chapter 3 - Categories and Responsibilities of Licensure, Chapter 4 - Qualification for Licensure, Chapter 5 - Use of Other License Authorities, Chapter 6 - Adoption of Standards and Rules, Chapter 7 - Modification of Standards, Chapter 8 - Installation of Oil Burning Equipment, Chapter 9 - Installation of Solid Fuel Burning Equipment, Chapter 10 - Chimneys, Chapter 11 - Installation of Waste Oil Appliances and Waste Oil Supply Tanks, Chapter 12 - Permits for Aboveground and Underground Propane and Natural Gas Storage Facilities and Rooftop Installations, Chapter 13 - Installation of Propane and Natural Gas Burning Equipment

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §18123(2), 5 MRSA §8051, 9001(4)

DATE AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: TBD

COMMENT DEADLINE: TBD

PRINCIPAL REASON OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE: To repeal and replace the combined rules of the Oil and Solid Fuel and Propane and Natural Gas Boards.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF RELEVANT INFORMATION CONSIDERED DURING DEVELOPMENT OF THE RULE (PRIMARY SOURCES): The primary sources of information came from the combined boards' experience under current rules, stakeholders and professional judgment.

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE: The proposed rule would repeal and replace the combined rules of the Oil and Solid Fuel and Propane and Natural Gas boards. These rules would define specialized terms used by the combined boards; authorize the board to issue advisory rulings; define the duties, responsibilities and limitations of licensure; address the qualifications for licensure of individuals and the application and examination process; address the qualifications for additional license authority; authorize the board to adopt standards for installing any oil and solid fuel burning equipment, propane and natural gas equipment, chimneys, fireplaces and vents; authorize the board to modify standards; address the requirements for installing oil burning equipment; address the requirements for installing solid fuel burning equipment; address the requirements for constructing and installing chimneys; address the requirements for installing waste oil burning equipment; address the permitting requirements for aboveground and underground propane and natural gas storage facilities and

rooftop installations, and these rules would address the requirements for installing propane and natural gas burning equipment.

FINDINGS UNDER CRITERIA CONTAINED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 20 FY 11/12:

(A) The proposed rules will not negatively impact job growth or creation; (B) There are no fees included in the rule; (C) There are minimal costs to the businesses and consumers in terms of time and money required to comply with the rule; (D) No other state laws or rules already address the subject matter of this rule; (E) There are no relevant federal standards.

FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE: Low

FOR RULES WITH FISCAL IMPACT OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE, ALSO INCLUDE:

ECONOMIC IMPACT, WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIFIABLE IN MONETARY TERMS:

INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS AFFECTED AND HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED:

BENEFITS OF THE RULE:

Note: If necessary, additional pages may be used.