

Rule-Making Fact Sheet

(5 MRS §8057-A)

AGENCY: **Office of State Fire Marshal**

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND RULE TITLE: **Chapter 17, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, NFPA #72**

TYPE OF RULE (*check one*): Routine Technical Major Substantive

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: **25 M.R.S. §§2396, 2452**

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: **None**

COMMENT DEADLINE: **November 11, 2019**

PRINCIPAL REASON(S) OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(A)&(C)] **This proposed rule adopts the 2019 edition of NFPA 72 , which includes recognition of new technology such as Voice over Internet Protocol and Ethernet communications and allows technology available for years to be used in the fire alarm and signaling industry. The adoption of the 2019 edition of NFPA 72 also incorporates the subject matter of the State Fire Marshal’s rule Chapter 18, which is being repealed. The rule is intended to allow companies to use newer equipment and provide building owners with more options for compliance with the standard.**

IS MATERIAL INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE RULE? YES NO [§8056(1)(B)]

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(B)&(D)] **By updating the incorporated reference, companies will be able to use newer equipment and provide building owners with more options for compliance with the standard.**

BRIEF SUMMARY OF RELEVANT INFORMATION CONSIDERED DURING DEVELOPMENT OF THE RULE (including up to 3 primary sources relied upon) [*see* §§8057-A(1)(E) & 8063-B] **Professional judgement of agency.**

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(C)] **There should be no fiscal impact from the adoption of this code.**

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

ECONOMIC IMPACT, WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIFIABLE IN MONETARY TERMS:
[*see* §8057-A(2)(A)]

INDIVIDUALS, MAJOR INTEREST GROUPS AND TYPES OF BUSINESSES AFFECTED AND HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED: [*see* §8057-A(2)(B)]

BENEFITS OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(2)(C)]

Note: If necessary, additional pages may be used.