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Rule-Making Fact Sheet

*(5 MRSA §8057-A)*

AGENCY: **Office of State Fire Marshal**

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND RULE TITLE: **Chapter 5, Portable Fire Extinguishers**

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

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: N/A

COMMENT DEADLINE: June 22, 2020

PRINCIPAL REASON(S) OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(A)&(C)] The adoption of NFPA # 10, *Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers*, 2018 edition is needed to allow for flexibility in the inspection and verification of fire extinguishers within a structure. There are also allowances for installation of additional extinguishers without requiring strict adherence to the standard, providing the protection provided by the additional extinguishers is not required as minimum compliance.

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

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(B)&(D)] Updates the standard for portable fire extinguishers and allowances for installation of additional extinguishers without requiring strict adherence to the standard, providing the protection provided by the additional extinguishers is not required as minimum compliance.

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)] **No fiscal impact**

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| ***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.*