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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 4, Water-Based Fire Protection Systems**

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

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: **25 M.R.S. §2452; 32 M.R.S. §§1373, 1374, 1382**

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: August 29, 2019, Champlain conference room, Department of Public Safety , 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine 04333 @ 9 a.m.

COMMENT DEADLINE: January 6, 2020

PRINCIPAL REASON(S) OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(A)&(C)] **This proposed rule adds a requirement that the duly authorized representative information must be included on all fire sprinkler permit applications, and the State Fire Marshal’s Office will at random select a permit application for inspection by one of their inspectors; requires property owners to provide documentation from their insurance carrier of their knowledge of use of a non-recognized national standard fire protection system; and adopts current standards relating to water based fire protection systems. The rule is intended to reduce overall fire suppression costs, fatalities, injuries and property loss due to fire.**

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)] **By updating the incorporated references, the Office of the State Fire Marshal will be able to inspect and enforce current standards of performance and safety as outlined in these safety standards.**

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.*