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BUREAU OF INSURANCE



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## NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Notice is hereby given that the Superintendent of the Bureau of Insurance will hold a public hearing on April 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to receive comments concerning the repeal of Rule 160 *Eligible Surplus Lines Insurers Summary Requirements for Eligibility Status to Transact "Export Lines" of Insurance Regarding Risks Resident Located or to be Performed in Maine* and proposed Rule Chapter 161, *Surplus Lines Insurers*. The hearing will be held at the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner ME, 04345. The rule will replace Rule 160 and update provisions relating to surplus lines insurers to reflect changes made in statute by PL 2025, Chapter 348 (LD 1837). The rule sets the standards and requirements for insurers issuing surplus lines insurance when this State is the home state of the risk that is insured. *Note: this hearing was scheduled for February 23, and was canceled due to state closure for inclement weather, the rescheduled hearing is the first hearing on this rule.*

A copy of the proposed rule is at <https://www.maine.gov/pfr/insurance/legal/rules#proposed>.

The rule is proposed in accordance with 24-A M.R.S. § 212 and 24-A M.R.S. § 2003(7).

The primary source of information relied upon by the Bureau of Insurance in developing the proposed rule is Bureau staff's professional judgment.

All interested persons are invited to provide oral comments at the hearing or to submit written comments. Written comments must be received no later than April 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. and should be addressed to: Stacy Bergendahl, 34 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0034 or [InsuranceComment.PFR@maine.gov](mailto:InsuranceComment.PFR@maine.gov). A copy of the statement of impact on small business may be obtained from the same addresses.

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