

Notice of Agency Rulemaking Proposal

AGENCY: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Manufactured Housing Board

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:

Chapter 350, Rules for Licensing Manufacturers, Dealers, Developer Dealers, Installers & Mechanics, include Appendix A & B

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

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER (*leave blank; to be assigned by Secretary of State*):

BRIEF SUMMARY:

The Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee this session considered LD 875. After careful consideration of the extensive testimony submitted pursuant to the bill, the committee voted the bill as ought not to pass. However, the committee would like to ensure that buyers of manufactured homes receive appropriate notice of their rights and responsibilities in accordance with state law. The committee understands that it is the usual practice for dealers of manufactured housing to provide information, in the form of a warranty sticker, to buyers. However, in order to ensure uniformity in disclosures, the committee requests that the Manufactured Housing Board amend its rules to require the dealer of a manufactured home disclose in writing to the buyer the following: (1) a description of the terms and conditions of the warranty on housing, as described in 10 MRSA § 1404 and (2) a description of the role of the Manufactured Housing Board and a contact number for the board. The committee also requests that the Manufactured Housing Board amend its rules to require that the installer of a manufactured home discloses in writing to the buyer a description of the terms and conditions of the installation warranty, as described in 10 MRSA §1404A.

Date, time and location of PUBLIC HEARING (*if any*): A public hearing will not be held.

COMMENT DEADLINE: April 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING (*include name, mailing address, telephone, fax, TTY, email*):

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CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT (*if different*): Same

FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES (*if any*): No impact

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 10 MRS §9005-A

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED (*if different*):

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