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**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE**

2014 - 2015 Regulatory Agenda

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AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional & Occupational Regulation, **Board of Social Worker Licensure**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: None.

**EXPECTED 2014-2015 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY**:

**CHAPTER 10**: Definitions

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 7001-A, 7030(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the terms used by the Board of Social Worker Licensure in these rules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 11**: Advisory Rulings

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 MRSA §§ 8051, 9001(4)

PURPOSE: The board will review and revise advisory rulings by the board.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 12**: Application for Licensure

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 7030(1) and (2), 7051, 7053, 7054A, 7056, 7060, and 10 MRSA §8003(2-A)(D)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the application process for social work licensure.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 13**: Licensure

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 7030(1) and (2), 7051, 7053, 7054A, 7056, and 7060

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the requirements for licensure among the different types of licensure.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 14**: Continuing Professional Education

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §7030 (5)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the continuing education requirements for social workers.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 15**: Scope of Practice

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 7001-A(11) and 7053-A

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the permissible scope-of-practice applicable to the different categories of licenses issued by the board, and related provisions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 16**: Enforcement & Disciplinary Procedures

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 7030(1) and (2),7051,7059

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise its rules regarding enforcement and disciplinary procedures used by the board and the board's interpretation of certain grounds for discipline contained in 32 M.R.S.A. §7059.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

*(Ch. 17 added September 2, 2015)*

**CHAPTER 17**: Record Retention Requirements

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §7030(2)

PURPOSE: The board will propose this new chapter in order to set forth licensee obligations for retaining client records.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.