**02-041**

**INTERPRETERS AND TRANSLITERATORS OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**

2015 - 2016 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-041**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (OPOR), **Interpreters and Transliterators of American Sign Language and English**

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

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 50:** Definitions

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. §1522(1)

PURPOSE: This chapter defines certain terms used in these rules. Rule changes may be made as necessary to clarify program requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants, licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not as per 5 M.R.S. §8051-B, but through the advisory council established pursuant to 32 M.R.S §1522(4).

**CHAPTER 51**: Requirements for Initial Licensure

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. §1522(1)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth criteria for the initial licensure of interpreters and transliterators and describes the application process. Rule changes may be made as necessary to clarify program requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not as per 5 M.R.S. §8051-B, but through the advisory council established pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §1522(4).

**CHAPTER 52**: License Renewal and Continuing Education

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. §1522(1)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth continuing education requirements and describes the license renewal process. Rule changes may be made as necessary to clarify program requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not as per 5 M.R.S. §8051-B, but through the advisory council established pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §1522(4).

**CHAPTER 54**: Disclosure Statement

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. §§ 1522(1), 1531

PURPOSE: This chapter describes the statutory disclosure to be furnished by interpreters and transliterators to consumers and clients. Rule changes may be made as necessary to clarify program requirements.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Within the year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not as per 5 M.R.S. §8051-B, but through the advisory council established pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §1522(4).

**CHAPTER 55**: Complaints and Investigations

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. §1522(1)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the rights of an applicant or licensee to appeal certain regulatory actions and identifies the enforcement and disciplinary procedure used by the director. Rule changes may be made as necessary to clarify program requirements.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Within the year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not as per 5 M.R.S. §8051-B, but through the advisory council established pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §1522(4).