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**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE**

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

**EXPECTED 2016-2017 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY**:

**CHAPTER 10**: Definitions

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

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the terms used 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 M.R.S. §§ 8051, 9001(4)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the provision that allows for the Board’s discretionary issuance of advisory rulings.

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. §§ 7030(1) and (2), 7051, 7053, 7054-A, 7056, 7060; 10 M.R.S. § 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. §§ 7030(1) and (2), 7051, 7053, 7054-A, 7056, 7060

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the requirements for the various types of social work licenses.

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. §7030(5)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the continuing professional 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. §§ 7001-A(11), 7053-A

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the permissible scope-of-practice provisions applicable to the various licensure types 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 and Disciplinary Procedures

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

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

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 17**: Record Retention Requirements

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

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise is existing rules with regard to retaining client records by licensees.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.