**02-070**

**STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR GEOLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS**

Maine Administrative Procedure Act

2020 - 2021 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-070**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **State Board of Certification for Geologists and Soil Scientists**

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

**EXPECTED 2020-2021 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:** Rules will be established to implement 2019 Public Law Chapter 285, which allows a person to obtain a soil science license with an associate degree, and allows a person for geologist and soil scientist license to take certain examinations prior to completing all work experience requirements.

**CHAPTER 1**: Definitions

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §4908

PURPOSE: The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute by clarifying wording of the law.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

CHAPTER 2: General Information

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §4908

PURPOSE: The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute to establish guidelines relating to meetings, advisory rulings, and maintenance of records.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

CHAPTER 3: Code of Ethics

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §4908

PURPOSE: The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute to promulgate a code of ethics to assist in the protection of the public welfare.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

CHAPTER 4: Certification Requirements

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §4908

PURPOSE: The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute to describe the procedures to be followed in determining whether an applicant is eligible to be certified as a geologist or soil scientist.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

CHAPTER 6: Complaints, Investigations and Adjudicatory Hearings

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §4908

PURPOSE: The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute to describe the procedures by which complaints and adjudicatory hearings will be handled by the Board.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.