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**PROPOSALS**

**AGENCY: 12-180 Department of Labor (DOL), Maine Labor Relations Board (MLRB)**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 10, General Rules**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P037**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The Maine Labor Relations Board is proposing to amend Chapter 10 of its rules to allow for the electronic filing of digital scans of signed Showing of Interest and Employee Authorization forms in lieu of filing the physical originals. Full text of the proposed rule changes is available on the MLRB website at: <https://www.maine.gov/mlrb>.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: May 7, 2025, 2:00 p.m., remote via Zoom videoconference (information on remote participation is available at <https://www.maine.gov/mlrb>, and the public may also access the meeting by visiting the MLRB office at 19 Elkins Lane, Augusta).

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** May 17, 2025

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Henry Fouts, Board Counsel, Maine Labor Relations Board, 90 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04330-0090. Telephone: (207) 287-2015. Email: henry.fouts@maine.gov

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES** *(if any)*:

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 26 M.R.S. §968(3)

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

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** <https://www.maine.gov/mlrb>

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**AGENCY: 12-180 Department of Labor (DOL), Maine Labor Relations Board (MLRB)**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 11, Bargaining Unit Composition and Representation Matters**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P038**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The Maine Labor Relations Board is proposing to amend Chapter 11 of its rules to allow for the electronic filing of digital scans of signed Showing of Interest and Employee Authorization forms in lieu of filing the physical originals; to make changes to conform with recently enacted legislation expanding the availability of majority sign-up petitions, allowing for bargaining agent mergers and expanding collective bargaining rights for new employees; and to clarify that the Board will post its notices on the Board’s website. Full text of the proposed rule changes is available on the MLRB website at: <https://www.maine.gov/mlrb>.

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**AGENCY: 18-125 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 326, Leases and Rentals of Tangible Personal Property**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P029**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** Proposed Rule 326 will provide definitions, explanations, and examples of taxable and non-taxable transactions related to the shift of the imposition of sales or use tax on leased property from being due from the lessor upfront on the entire purchase price of the rental property to instead requiring the lessor to collect sales tax from the lessee on each lease or rental payment, beginning January 1, 2025. The rule also addresses other potential sales and use tax issues related to such transactions, including software licenses; sourcing of leases and rentals; and the calculation of sale price for leases and rentals.

 This new rule is being adopted to implement recent legislative changes. See P.L. 2023, c. 643, Pt. H and P.L. 2023, c. 673 (generally imposing sales tax on leases and rentals).

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: ~~N/A~~

Date: Monday, May 5, 2025

Time: 10am – 11am

Location: Maine Revenue Services, 51 Commerce Drive, Augusta ME 04330

Virtual Attendance: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/w/84006798659?tk=h42izWqZ5o1HMwIfS4zDpyJTr_zzL8yOGMRsz6EgR-g.DQcAAAATjzIFQxZMeU9hV1g1QVRlU0pVcUp4MGU2MXlnAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA&uuid=WN_yS7UK418Q1mBWu88zAN8HQ>

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** ~~April 21, 2025~~ May 16, 2025

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:**

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**CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT** *(if different)*: N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES** *(if any)*: N/A

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 36 M.R.S. § 112

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

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** [www.maine.gov/revenue](http://www.maine.gov/revenue)

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**AGENCY: 01-001 Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:** **Ch. 61, Maine Milk Pool Cost of Administration**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P041**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The principal reason for this rule is to set the cost for administering the Maine Milk Pool. While it falls under the statutory jurisdiction of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Milk Pool has historically been managed by the Maine Milk Commission on a fee-for-service basis.

As per 7 M.R.S. Chapter 611 §3154, the costs incurred by the Maine Milk Pool for personnel services and operational administration were approximately $60,000 in 2024. Using those figures as a guide, it is estimated that the Pool costs will remain approximately the same in the immediate future.

The Pool Administrator proposes to set the rate to administer the Maine Milk Pool for the calendar year 2025 at $0.01 per hundredweight (100 lbs) of milk. This represents no change from the previous seven years (2018-2024).

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: May 6, 2025 at 10:30 am in Room 229E, Deering Building, 90 Blossom Lane, Augusta, ME

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** May 19, 2024 5:00 p.m.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Julie-Marie Bickford, Maine Milk Commission, 28 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333, 207-287-7521, julie-marie.bickford@maine.gov

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES** *(if any)*: None

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 5 M.R.S.A. Section 8054 and 7 M.R.S.A., Section 2954

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

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** **http://www.maine.gov/dacf/**

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**ADOPTIONS**

**AGENCY: 09-137 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 16, Hunting (16.11 – Migratory Game Bird Hunting)**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-083**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has amended Chapter 16.11 rules pertaining to season dates and bag limits for the hunting of ducks, geese, and other migratory game birds. The population status of these migratory game birds remains unchanged from last year; therefore, season frameworks and harvest limits are similar to the previous hunting season. Of note is the increased bag limit for northern pintails from a daily limit of 1 per day to 3 per day. This increase was allowed at the Atlantic Flyway scale. No significant impact to the northern pintail population is expected, due to the very low annual harvest of northern pintails in Maine each year. A complete copy of the rule may be obtained from the agency contact person.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Monday, April 14, 2025**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Becky Orff

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**AGENCY: 09-137 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 16, Hunting (16.12 – Upland Game and Furbearer Animal Hunting (Gray Squirrels))**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-084**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has amended Chapter 16 rules to adjust the gray squirrel hunting season. The Department regularly adjusts hunting and trapping regulations in response to emerging scientific information, changes in hunter and trapper participation, and biological data. The rule lengthens the gray squirrel hunting season by one month to provide additional opportunities to pursue this species. The gray squirrel hunting season opens the last Saturday in September and closes January 31. There are no changes to the gray squirrel (falconry) hunting season that runs from the last Saturday in September to February 28th. The daily (4) and possession (8) limits for gray squirrel remains. A complete copy of the rule may be obtained from the agency contact person.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Monday, April 14, 2025**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Becky Orff

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**AGENCY: 90-590 Maine Health Data Organization**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 100, Enforcement Procedures (Major Substantive Rule)**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-086**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The provisionally adopted rule changes are to ensure compliance with new rules 90-590 C.M.R. Chapters 340 and 800.

**This rule will not have a fiscal impact on municipalities, counties or small businesses.** Copies of these rule changes can be reviewed and printed from the MHDO website at <https://mhdo.maine.gov/rules.htm> or, to receive a paper copy call 287-6722.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 22 M.R.S. §§ 1728, 8705-A, 8735 and 24-A M.R.S. §6951

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2025**

**CONTACT PERSON:** Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director

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**AGENCY: 90-590 Maine Health Data Organization**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 800, Uniform Reporting of Wholesale Acquisition Costs for Insulin (Major Substantive Rule)**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-087**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

This rule is being adopted to implement the requirements in Public Law 2023, chapter 610, specifically Title 22, MRSA § 8732, sub-§3.

**This rule will not have a fiscal impact on municipalities, counties or small businesses.** Copies of these rules can be reviewed and printed from the MHDO website at <https://mhdo.maine.gov/rules.htm> or, to receive a paper copy call 287-6722.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 22 M.R.S. §§8703(1), 8704(1),8705-A, 8731, 8732, 8733, 8734, 8735 and 8737.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2025**

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**AGENCY: 01-001 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 575, Permitting of Solar Energy Developments on High-Value Agricultural Land**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-088**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

This rule chapter establishes the procedures of a permitting program for solar energy developments on high-value agricultural land; defines “high-value-agricultural land” and “dual-use agricultural and solar production;” and establishes tiers of high-value agricultural land with variable compensation ratios that will be calculated by and paid to DEP, but placed in a fund for DACF.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Sunday, April 20, 2025**

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