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**PROPOSALS**

**AGENCY: 65-407 Public Utilities Commission**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 240, Video Service Franchise Dispute Resolution**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P071**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** In this Rule, the Commission proposes to set forth a process for mediation between a municipality and a video service provider relating to negotiations of a franchise agreement or contract, the obligations of the Participants under the agreement or contract, or the obligations of the Video Service Provider.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: The Commission does not plan to hold a public hearing on the proposed Rule; however, pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 8052(1) the Commission will schedule a public hearing in this matter if requested by five interested persons. Such requests must be filed in the above captioned Docket using the Commission's Case Management System (CMS) no later than **June 4, 2025.**

**COMMENT DEADLINE:June 27, 2025.** Comments on the proposed rule may be filed electronically using the Commission’s Case Management System (CMS). Written comments should refer to the docket number of this proceeding, Docket No. 2024-00316.

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

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

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 30-A M.R.S. § 3009-B(1); 35‑A M.R.S. § 111

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

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**ADOPTIONS**

**AGENCY: 01-672 Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Maine Land Use Planning Commission**
**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 2, Definitions**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-110**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The Maine Land Use Planning Commission has updated the Commission’s Flood Prone Area Protection Subdistrict and standards for development in flood prone areas, and various definitions to increase consistency with the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s rules and guidance and to comply with ongoing requirements for the Commission’s participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Stacie Beyer

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**AGENCY: 01-672 Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Maine Land Use Planning Commission**
**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 10, Definitions**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-111**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The Maine Land Use Planning Commission has updated the Commission’s Flood Prone Area Protection Subdistrict and standards for development in flood prone areas, and various definitions to increase consistency with the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s rules and guidance and to comply with ongoing requirements for the Commission’s participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

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**AGENCY: 10-148 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 22, Safe Haven Baby Boxes**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-113**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

This rule establishes guidelines for the safe installation and use of safe haven baby boxes at qualifying safe haven provider locations before they are put into service. Public Law 2021, c. 466 amended Maine’s Safe Haven law to direct the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) to adopt rules to ensure the safe design, installation, and use of each safe haven baby box before it may be put into service by a hospital, law enforcement agency, or fire department.

Safe haven provider locations that may voluntarily install and use safe haven baby boxes include hospitals, law enforcement facilities, and fire department facilities. Safe haven providers with installed baby boxes must have their facilities staffed by a medical services provider 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Safe haven providers that choose to install baby boxes must have baby boxes certified for safe use by a professional engineer, architect, interior designer, or electrician prior to being put into service, and they must have baby boxes recertified annually. Safe haven providers must register safe haven baby boxes with the Office of Child and Family Services and must renew their registrations annually. This rule also requires safe haven baby box locations to develop and file with the Department safe use plans for the required testing of safe haven baby boxes and procedures required of safe haven baby box locations when children are delivered to baby boxes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Saturday, May 17, 2025**

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