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**PROPOSALS**

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

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:**  **Ch. 16, Hunting (Antlerless Deer Hunting Restrictions)**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P072**

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Becky Orff, Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, 41 State House Station, 353 Water Street, Augusta, ME 04333; Tel: 207-287-5202; becky.orff@maine.gov

**CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS INFORMATION** (if different):

**PUBLIC HEARING:** June 10, 2025 @ 4:00pm – Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, 353 Water Street, 3rd fl conference room, Augusta

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** June 20, 2025

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) is proposing to adopt antlerless deer permit (ADP) numbers for the 2025 deer hunting seasons and special muzzle-loading season by setting specific permit allocations by Wildlife Management District (WMD) or deer management subunit. New for the 2025 season, the Department is recommending designating six WMDs (WMD 21-25 and 29) as open to either-sex hunting with a hunting license. Continuing for the 2025 season, we propose that all WMDs are designated as open to the harvest of antlerless deer without a permit during the Youth and regular archery seasons. Antlerless deer permit numbers are adjusted by IFW on an annual basis by department biologists who consider deer harvest levels, biological metrics and indices, and estimates of winter severity when evaluating the status of the deer population within each wildlife management district (WMD). A complete copy of the proposed rule may be obtained from the agency contact person.

**IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES:** No fiscal impact is anticipated.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 12 MRSA, Sections 10104 and 11152

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

**E-MAIL FOR OVERALL AGENCY RULE-MAKING LIAISON:**  Becky.Orff@maine.gov

**AGENCY: 16-633 Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:** **Ch. 13, Exclusion**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2024-P307**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This rule implements the recent change in Maine law creating a universal exclusion list for all areas of gambling under the oversite of the Gambling Control Board and Gambling Control Unit respectively.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: None applicable

**COMMENT DEADLINE: 11:59 PM Friday, June 20, 2025**

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Milton Champion, 45 Commerce Drive, Suite 3, Augusta ME 04333-0087 207-626-3901 milton.f.champion@maine.gov

**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:** 8 M.R.S. § 1003(3)(I)(1); and § 1006(8); and § 1004 (J), and § 1203 (2)(K) and § 1213(5).

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

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** <https://www.maine.gov/dps/gamb-control/>

**EMAIL FOR OVERALL AGENCY RULEMAKING LIAISON:** milton.f.champion@maine.gov

**AGENCY: 02-298, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional of Occupational Regulation, Board of Real Estate Appraisers**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 220, Educational Course Requirements**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P073**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The proposed rulemaking reflects the Appraisal Qualifications Board’s (AQB) adoption of changes to continuing education requirements contained in the 2026 Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria (Criteria). Licensed appraisers completing continuing education for the renewal of their license will be subject to these changes effective January 1, 2026. The Maine Board of Real Estate Appraisers proposes to adopt the following changes made by the AQB to continuing education requirements:

1. Appraisers must successfully complete a course which meets the content of the requirements of the Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations Outline, every two calendar years. The first time an appraiser completes the CE requirement for this course, the course length must be seven (7) hours. If an appraiser successfully completed a seven (7) hour (plus 1 hour exam) course as part of their qualifying education, they have met this requirement. Every two years thereafter, the course length must be four (4) hours.

2. The name of the 7-Hour National USPAP Update Course was changed to the 7-Hour National USPAP Continuing Education Course to better reflect the purpose and content of the course.

Copies of the rulemaking packet may be found on the Board’s website, https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-real-estate-appraisers, scroll down to What’s New and Rulemaking Changes.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** N/A. Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 8052(1) and §

8053(3)(B), a hearing may be requested by five (5) interested persons by submitting a request in writing to the contact person for this filing.

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** Friday, June 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. EST. Comments may be submitted to

Catherine Pendergast by mail to 35 State House Station, Augusta, ME, 04333-0035, or by e-mail to

Catherine.Pendergast@maine.gov

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Catherine E. Pendergast, 35 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0035, 207-624-8518, TTY: Maine relay 711, Catherine.Pendergast@maine.gov

**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:** 32 M.R.S. §§ 14012, 14027

**SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED** *(if different)*: Title XI of the

Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA)

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** <https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-realestate-appraisers>

**EMAIL FOR OVERALL AGENCY RULEMAKING LIAISON:** kristin.racine@maine.gov

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

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 16, Hunting (Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP))**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P074**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is proposing a deer management assistance program (DMAP) to improve ability to serve some landowners that have deer conflicts. Part of this program will be providing landowners with additional deer removal options where deer are damaging market trees and crops, and this additional removal will come by way of DMAP permits allowing for the removal of additional antlerless deer from impacted properties. Please contact the agency contact person for a complete copy of the rule proposal.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: June 10, 2025 @ 4:00pm – Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, 353 Water St., 3rd floor conference room, Augusta, ME

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** June 20, 2025

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING**: Becky Orff, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 353 Water Street 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333; phone: 207-287-5202; fax: 207-287-6395; e-mail: Becky.Orff@maine.gov

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES** *(if any)*: No fiscal impact.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 12 MRS 10104, 10105

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

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

**EMAIL FOR OVERALL AGENCY RULEMAKING LIAISON:** Becky.Orff@maine.gov

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

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 20, Taxidermy License**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P075**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is proposing to amend Chapter 20 rules to separate the current “Mammals and Heads” classification into their own classifications. Separate mammal and head classifications will allow applicants to choose one or both classifications for testing, which may help with the quality of the specimen produced during the exam process. Please contact the agency contact person for a complete copy of the rule proposal.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: None scheduled.

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** June 20, 2025

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Becky Orff, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 353 Water Street 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333; phone: 207-287-5202; fax: 207-287-6395; e-mail: Becky.Orff@maine.gov

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES** *(if any)*: No fiscal impact.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 12 MRS 10104, 12953

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

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

**EMAIL FOR OVERALL AGENCY RULEMAKING LIAISON:** Becky.Orff@maine.gov

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

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 14, Commercial Whitewater Rafting**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P076**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is recommending the following changes to Chapter 14 rules Commercial Whitewater Rafting: Changing the whitewater guide total training run requirement for a Level One Whitewater Guide from the current 20 to 15 total training runs; changing the whitewater guide written exam waiting period for an applicant that is unsuccessful in passing the written exam from the current 30 days to 14 days; and, clarifying the language that requires a whitewater guide to carry on their person a knife. The proposed changes will assist outfitters in the quality of training runs and increase safety for rafters. Please contact the agency contact person for a complete copy of the rule proposal.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: None scheduled.

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** June 20, 2025

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING**: Becky Orff, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 353 Water Street 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333; phone: 207-287-5202; fax: 207-287-6395; e-mail: Becky.Orff@maine.gov

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES** *(if any)*: No fiscal impact.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 12 MRS 10104, 12909

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

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

**EMAIL FOR OVERALL AGENCY RULEMAKING LIAISON:** Becky.Orff@maine.gov

**AGENCY:** **10-144 Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 231, Rules Relating to Drinking Water**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P077**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This Rule administers the State of Maine drinking water requirements for approximately 1,900 public water systems by the Department’s Maine CDC Drinking Water Program (Department), which has federal primacy. The Department proposes rule changes to reflect current practice, by removing any outdated language and meet a Legislative Resolve approved by emergency on June 21, 2021: ***Resolve to Protect Consumers of Public Drinking Water by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Substances and Contaminants*** (Resolves 2021, ch. 82; S.P. – LD 129), which requires public water systems to test and monitor drinking water for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The Department also proposes to incorporate the recently announced by USEPA in April 2024 for federal PFAS standards into this Maine rule EPA for six PFAS compounds. Community public water systems, non-transient non-community systems, and bottled water suppliers will be required to test for PFAS and report their results to the Department, resulting in possible mitigation, if levels are reported above certain levels. The Department also proposes to require seasonal transient public water systems and all community public water systems to test for total coliform on a monthly basis, to further protect public health and alert the Department to possible bacterial contamination quicker. The Department proposes to add a definition for “common scheme of development” to clarify its process to identify and regulate public water systems, and finally, the Department proposes a new rule title to reflect Maine CDC rulemaking formatting convention.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearing is scheduled. A public hearing may be requested by emailing the contact person identified below for this filing. (5 MRS § 8053(3)(B).)

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** June 20, 2025

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Andrew Hardy, 11 SHS-286 Water Street, Augusta, ME 04333-0011, (207) 287-4490, andrew.hardy@maine.gov

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES *(if any)*:**The Department is estimating that mitigation methods necessary to reduce or remove PFAS as required by this rule would result in a one-time capital expenditure of at least $50,000,000 (50 million dollars). This amount is in total for Maine’s Public Water Systems. The $50M, when combined with federal dollars, would result in all remaining untreated Maine Public Water Systems with PFAS levels above proposed Maximum Contaminant Levels to be treated. Additionally, it is estimated that the operation and maintenance costs for the approximately 130 Public Water Systems in Maine could range from $1,000 to $100,000 annually.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 22 MRS §§2611, 2615(5), 2615-A(4), 2617(3), 2618, 2620(2), 2620-C, 2659, 2660-E(1)

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

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/rules/>

**E-MAIL FOR OVERALL AGENCY RULE-MAKING LIAISON:** Emily.a.cathcart@maine.gov

**AGENCY: 02-030 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 709, License and Renewal Fees and Application Requirements for Maine’s Money Transmitter Licensing and Requirements for Licensing Through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System (NMLS)****(REPEAL OF UNHOSTED WALLET REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. (NMLS))**

**TYPE OF RULE: 2025-P078**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P078**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This rule amends Chapter 709 as it pertains to reporting requirements for unhosted cryptocurrency wallets. The existing provisions have proven difficult or impossible for industry to comply with and new methods have been developed and are being implemented to address the concerns surrounding unhosted wallets.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*:

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** July 1, 2025

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Linda Conti, Superintendent; Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection, 35 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333; Linda.conti@maine.gov; Phone: (207) 624-8527; Fax: (207) 582-7699; TTY Users Call Maine Relay 711

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

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

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 32 M.R.S.§§ 6079 and 6100-II.

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

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** <https://www.maine.gov/pfr/consumercredit/index.shtml>

**EMAIL FOR OVERALL AGENCY RULEMAKING LIAISON:** linda.conti@maine.gov

**AGENCY: 94-411 Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 102, Qualification as Full-time Student**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P079**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This rule defines the requirements to qualify as a full-time student for the purposes of survivor benefit payments to a dependent child of a deceased member. Rule Chapter 102 was adopted in 1986 and has not been substantively amended since that date. The proposal is to repeal and replace the rule. The proposed replacement rule includes updated language and formatting, and the removal of wording for consistency with existing statutory language.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: 11:00 A.M., June 12, 2025, One City Center, Fisher Conference Room, Second Floor, Portland, ME 04101

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** June 23, 2025

**EMAIL FOR PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS:** rulemaking@mainepers.org

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Bill Brown, Director of Actuarial and Legislative Affairs
Maine Public Employees Retirement System, P.O. Box 349, Augusta, ME 04332; 1-800-451-9800 or (207) 512-3100; bill.brown@mainepers.org

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

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

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 5 M.R.S. §17001(18), 5 M.R.S. §17103(4)

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

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** [www.mainepers.org](http://www.mainepers.org)

**EMAIL FOR OVERALL AGENCY RULEMAKING LIAISON:** bill.brown@mainepers.org

**AGENCY: 94-411 Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 901, Adjustment to Retirement Benefits for Confidential State Employees**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P080**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This proposed rulemaking repeals Rule Chapter 901. Chapter 901 was adopted in 1986 to provide a schedule for adjustments to confidential state employee’s average final compensation for the period January 1986 through March 1987. This rule appears to no longer have any application.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: 11:00 A.M., June 12, 2025 One City Center, Fisher Conference Room, Second Floor, Portland, ME 04101

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** June 23, 2025

**EMAIL FOR PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS:** rulemaking@mainepers.org

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Bill Brown, Director of Actuarial and Legislative Affairs; Maine Public Employees Retirement System, P.O. Box 349, Augusta, ME 04332; 1-800-451-9800 or (207) 512-3100; bill.brown@mainepers.org

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

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

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** PL 1985, Ch. 795, 5 M.R.S. §17103(4)

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

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** [www.mainepers.org](http://www.mainepers.org)

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**ADOPTIONS**

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

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 16, Hunting (16.08 – Moose Hunting (permit allocations))**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-114**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has adopted allocation numbers for moose hunting permits to be issued for the 2025 moose hunting season. Permits will be issued for antlered and antlerless moose. As in previous years, some combined units are included wherein a permittee can hunt in more than one WMD. There are no changes to permit numbers from 2024 including continuing the three one-week seasons for the adaptive hunt. Permit allocations according to Wildlife Management District are as follows:

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| **WMD 1** – 450 antlered / 175 antlerless | **WMD 14 & 17 (combined)** – 40 antlered |
| **WMD 2** – 350 antlered /175 antlerless | **WMD 16** – 0 permits |
| **WMD 3 –** 200 antlered / 125 antlerless | **WMD 18** – 40 antlered |
| **WMD 4** – 400 antlered / 100 antlerless | **WMD 19** – 60 antlered |
| **WMD 4A (adaptive hunt)** – 550 antlerless | **WMD 27** **& 28 (combined)** – 40 antlered |
| **WMD 5** – 250 antlered / 125 antlerless |  |
| **WMD 6 –** 200 antlered / 60 antlerless | **Totals: 4,105 – 2,645 (antlered); 1,460 (antlerless)** |
| **WMD 7 & 13 (combined) –** 140 antlered |  |
| **WMD 8** – 200 antlered / 150 antlerless |  |
| **WMD 9**  - 125 antlered  |
| **WMD 10** – 60 antlered |  |
| **WMD 11** – 50 antlered  |  |
| **WMD 12 & 15 (combined)** – 40 antlered  |  |

Please contact the agency contact person for a complete copy of the rule.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Monday, May 19, 2025**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Becky Orff

AGENCY NAME: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

ADDRESS: 353 Water Street, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333

TELEPHONE:207-287-5202

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

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 6, Child Care Affordability Program Rules**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-115**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

This emergency routine technical rulemaking is necessary to comply with Federal Rule updates according to 42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq., 45  C.F.R. Pt. 98, which makes multiple changes to the payment structure of the Child Care Affordability Program, including:

* Changing the payment structure for paying child care providers from paying for services after they are complete to paying for services prospectively.
* Changing the payment structure for paying child care providers from paying by enrollment of a child in child care versus paying by attendance of that child in child care.
* Changing cap of parent co-payments within the program so that eligible families who make below 85% of State Median Income pay 7% or less of their eligibility income to child care. Families who make between 85% to 125% of State Median Income pay 10% or less of their income to child care.

In addition, changes are being made that are not federally required, but are strongly encouraged and/or are being made to support access to the program including:

* Changing the rates at which the Child Care Affordability Program will pay providers, which will now be set at the State’s market rate, formerly set as the market rate or the private pay rate, whichever was less expensive.
* Simplifying hours of care to part or full time care only, formerly full time, part time, half time and quarter time care.
* Expanding the definition of At-Risk Children to support expanded eligibility under the Federal Rules, which allows the State to define who falls under the Child Protective Services definition.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: **Monday, May 19, 2025 (Emergency)**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:**

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**AGENCY:** **12-179 Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:** **Ch. 11, Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Worker Walkaround Representative Designation**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-116**

**CONCISE SUMMARY**:

The purpose of this Chapter is to clarify who may participate in walkaround inspections as an “employee representative,” and, at a minimum, conform to Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration 29 CFR Part 1903.8 revised as of May 31, 2024, requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Saturday, May 24, 2025**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Isaac H. Gingras

AGENCY NAME: Department of Labor

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**AGENCY: 94-388 State Civil Service Appeals Board**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 1, Rules of Practice and Procedure**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-117**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The State Civil Service Appeals Board mediates employment and classification disputes between state agencies and state employees, both classified and unclassified, who are excluded from the bargaining process described in 26 MRSA §§ 979 and 1021-1034, by hearing and deciding upon appeals brought by employees against agency decisions. The purpose of this rule is to establish a set of uniform procedures and practices by which the Board will operate, process appeals, conduct hearings, communicate with parties, receive evidence and submissions, and issue written decisions in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act and the Board’s specific enabling statutes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Sunday, May 25, 2025**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:**

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