**State of Maine: Notice of Agency Rulemaking – May 13, 2020**

**PROPOSALS**

AGENCY: **02-643** - Department of Professional and Financial Regulation (PFR), Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (OPOR), **Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 9** *(New)*, Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: **2020-P088**

BRIEF SUMMARY: This chapter establishes the educational requirements, the number of practicum hours required, and supervision parameters for speech-language pathology assistants. The proposed new rule establishes the educational and practicum standards depending on level of degree held by applicant, enables the speech-language pathology assistant to have more than one supervising speech-language pathologist, and allows the supervising speech-language pathologist to determine how many licensees they may supervise competently while also performing any direct client services for which the supervisor is responsible.

PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, June 1, 2020 - 9:00 a.m., virtual meeting via Zoom COMMENT DEADLINE: June 11, 2020

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FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES: N/A

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 32 MRS §§ 17103(6), 17301(5) SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED *(if different)*:

AGENCY WEBSITE: https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/speech\_audiology\_hearing\_aid/index.html .

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**ADOPTIONS**

AGENCY: **02-392** - Department of Professional and Financial Regulation (PFR), Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (OPOR), **Maine Board of Pharmacy**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 12**, Licensure of Manufacturers and Wholesalers

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER: **2020-114** *(Final adoption, major substantive)*

CONCISE SUMMARY: 2017 Public Law ch. 267, 32 MRS §13759, “An Act to Prohibit Certain Gifts to Health Care Practitioners” directs the Maine Board of Pharmacy to establish definitions by rule for modest meals and refreshments, and reasonable honoraria. This rule sets standards on exceptions to the general prohibition against manufacturers and wholesalers making gifts to practitioners.

On June 6, 2019, the Maine Board of Pharmacy voted to provisionally adopt these rules, which pursuant to 32 MRS §13759 are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5 ch. 375 sub-ch. 2-A.

On February 12, 2020, the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services reported out LD 1872 (Emergency Preamble, Resolve, *Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 12: Licensure of Manufacturers and Wholesalers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmac*y) as Ought to Pass with no changes to the provisionally adopted rule, and finally passed by the Maine Legislature on February 25, 2020.

On March 9, 2020, Governor Mills signed 2020 Public Law ch. 115 (LD 1872) Emergency Preamble, Resolve, *Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 12: Licensure of Manufacturers and Wholesalers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy*.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2020

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AGENCY: **13-188 - Department of Marine Resources (DMR)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 34**, Groundfish: **34.07**, Atlantic Halibut (Emergency Regulation)

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER: **2020-115** *(Emergency)*

CONCISE SUMMARY: In order to remain within the State Waters subcomponent’s target catch of the federal annual catch limit, and to prevent the Allowable Biological Catch from being exceeded and Accountability Measures being triggered, Maine is taking this emergency action to reduce catch in the state waters halibut fishery by reducing the length of the state waters halibut season by one week at each end of the season (resulting in a season of May 18-June 13). This action is intended to protect and conserve the halibut resource in compliance with the federal management plan and avoid future implementation of accountability measures which include zero possession of Atlantic halibut by all federal permit holders. For these reasons, the Commissioner has determined that it is necessary to take this emergency action under 12 MRS §6171(3)(C).EFFECTIVE DATE: May 6, 2020

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