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**PROPOSALS**

**AGENCY: 29-250 Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 103, Rules for Vehicle Dealers, Auctions, Transporters, Recyclers, Mobile Crushers, and Loaners**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P093**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This rule establishes the requirements for licensing and for receipt of registration plates for vehicle dealers, persons in the business of conducting vehicle auctions, vehicle recyclers, mobile crushers, and holders of loaner and transporter plates. The rule sets forth required facilities, equipment, records and hours and describe required application procedures. The rule also establishes requirements for annexes and for secondary locations.

The updated rule proposes changes in the format to reduce redundancy; it combines the requirements for application into one singular section for all license types rather than being repeated throughout each license type. Likewise, all Dealer plate requirements are also combined into a single section for ease in reference. The updated rule also includes requirements for the Trailer Transit License that were previously outlined in Rule Chapter 158 to address the Trailer Transit permit. Given that statute now refers to Trailer Transit as a license under 29-A M.R.S.A. §954(6), it is necessary to hold these license applicants to the same requirements as all other license holders for consistency and fairness; exceptions to some of the requirements are delineated within the application section. Separate MAPA documents will be submitted simultaneously to repeal Rule Chapter 158.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: July 15, 2025 at 101 Hospital Street, Augusta, ME, 2nd Floor Freeman Conference Room

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** July 31, 2025

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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:** 29-A M.R.S.A. Chapter 9

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

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

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**AGENCY: 29-250 Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch 158, Administration of Trailer Transit Plates**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P094**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This rule establishes the requirements for the use of trailer transit plates pursuant to 29-A M.R.S.A. Section 462, sub-section 8.

The proposed update is to repeal this rule as trailer transit plates and the associated license are regulated under chapter 103, Licensing of Dealers. The proposed repeal is due to the fact that this is now a license type and as such should fall under the same rule as all other dealer licenses.

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

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 29-A M.R.S.A. §954. 6

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

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

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**AGENCY: 12-170 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch.13, Rules Governing the Establishment and Use of Fair Minimum Wage Rates on State Construction Projects**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P095**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The purpose of this chapter is to implement changes made by statute P.L. 2023, Ch. 333, modernize the process by which Prevailing Rates are calculated, and restructure the rules to be more accessible and reader friendly.

**DETAILED SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this chapter is to implement changes made by statute P.L. 2023, Ch. 333, modernize the process by which Prevailing Rates are calculated, and restructure the rules to be more accessible and reader friendly. The changes relating to P.L. 2023, Ch. 333 allow for the introduction of a third data source for the Bureau to consider when calculating Prevailing Rates. Specific procedures for this change are found in Section 7.

Additional non-statutory changes update how the Bureau calculates Prevailing Rates. First, the median wage rate and median benefit rate are changed from being calculated separately to be calculated simultaneously as a joined pair of data points. Second, the definition of what a local area is for a given county is changed from a variable designation based on annual survey results to being assigned based on regions independent of the survey process.

The chapter is also being rewritten to use simpler language and a clearer structure. All but two definitions (“Appropriate Circumstances” and “Days”) and references to three specific calculation procedures are carried over to the new chapter’s layout. A supplemental crosswalk shows where each part of the prior version of the chapter exists in the new format.

New sections are added to the chapter. Section 3 describes the survey process laid out in subsequent sections. Section 4 describes the general survey procedure which applies to every survey the Bureau performs, and Section 5 explains specialized survey procedures relevant to individual surveys. Section 6 adds clarity for how survey respondents must report data to the Bureau to be considered in compliance with the statute.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. at the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards SafetyWorks! Training Institute, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** August 1, 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:** 26 M.R.S. §42

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

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** <http://www.maine.gov/labor/rulemaking>

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

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 1, Open Water and Ice Fishing Regulations**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P096**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is proposing regulation changes for the upcoming ice fishing and open water fishing seasons. These regulations are needed to provide for the effective conservation of Maine’s inland fisheries and to enhance fishing opportunities throughout the State. This rule-making packet includes 12 individual proposals presented in the following “theme” categories: Special Need; Salmonid Growth, Condition, and Performance; Expanded Angler Opportunity; and Errors, Conflicts, and Confusion. The complete list of proposals may be obtained from the Agency Contact Person or online at: [https://www.maine.gov/ifw/news-](https://www.maine.gov/ifw/news-events/rulemaking-proposals.html) [events/rulemaking-proposals.html.](https://www.maine.gov/ifw/news-events/rulemaking-proposals.html) The proposals, if adopted, will become effective January 1, 2026. Members of the public are encouraged to review the proposals and provide comments by submitting written comments by mail or email to the contact person for this filing or by participating in the public hearing. (All comments must be related to this rulemaking packet.) Note: Written comments are given equal consideration to testimony given at the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** July 15, 2025 @ 4:00pm – IFW, 353 Water Street, 3rd floor conference room, Augusta, ME

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** July 25, 2025

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

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES:** None anticipated.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 12 MRS Sections 10104 & 12452

**SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED:**

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**AGENCY: 15-215 Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 2, Administration of the Veteran's Financial Assistance Program (*partial amendment(s) of existing rule*)**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P097**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This proposed amendment would revise the language of the rule referencing the current amount for an individual annual grant and reinforce the lifetime cap of $10,000. Amended rules may incorporate and align these annual and lifetime grant caps with 15-215, Chapter 3: Administration of the Veteran's Homelessness Prevention Coordination Program.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** August 6, 2025

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Steven Lanning, Maine Bureau of Veterans’ Services; 117 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0117; Tel: (207) 430-6037; Email: steven.d.lanning@maine.gov

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

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

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 37-B, M.R.S. §505

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

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** https://www.maine.gov/veterans

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**AGENCY: 15-215 Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 3, Administration of the Veteran's Homelessness Prevention Coordination Program (*partial amendment(s) of existing rule*)**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P098**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This proposed amendment would revise the language of the rule referencing the current amount for eligible reimbursement per night, establish an individual annual and lifetime grant cap, incorporate recent legislative changes to the statute, and update outdated definitions. Amended rules may incorporate and align these annual and lifetime grant caps with 15-215, Chapter 2: Administration of the Veteran's Financial Assistance Program.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** August 6, 2025

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Steven Lanning, Maine Bureau of Veterans’ Services; 117 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0117; Tel: (207) 430-6037; Email: steven.d.lanning@maine.gov

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

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

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 37-B, M.R.S. §513-A

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

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

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**ADOPTIONS**

**AGENCY:** **18-125 Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS), Maine Revenue Services (MRS)**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 801, Apportionment**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-132**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

Maine Revenue Services is proposing to amend Rule 801 (“Apportionment”) to clarify the sourcing of receipts from the performance of services, including providing examples to illustrate sourcing as it applies to various categories of services. For purposes of applying a variation to apportionment, the rule clarifies the definition of compensation with respect to the use of the payroll factor by specifying that 85% of payments made to an employee-leasing company for leased employees and 100% of payments made to a temporary service company for temporary employees are included as compensation. Other formatting and technical changes are made throughout to enhance clarity.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Wednesday, June 25, 2025**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Alex Weber, General Counsel

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**AGENCY: 01-015 Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, Maine Milk Commission**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 3, Schedule of Minimum Prices (Order #07-25)**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-134**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The Minimum July 2025 Class I price is $23.32/cwt. plus $1.63/cwt. for Producer Margins, an over-order premium of $1.04/cwt as prevailing in Southern New England, and a $0.47/cwt. handling fee, for a total of **$26.66/cwt**., which includes a $0**.20**/cwt Federal promotion fee.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: **Sunday June 29, 2025**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Julie-Marie R. Bickford

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