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**PROPOSALS**

**AGENCY:** **16-227 Department of Public Safety, Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 3, Entrance Standards**

**TYPE OF RULE****: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P110**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** These proposed amendments to Chapter 3 will create the entrance standards for the Basic Probation and Parole Training Program (BPPTP) as authorized by L.D. 2023 (131st Legislature) enacting 25 M.R.S. §2804-M (effective July 1, 2025)

**DETAILED SUMMARY:**

This proposed rule amends Chapter 3: Entrance Standards for the Department of Public Safety, Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees, creating the entrance standards for the Basic Probation and Parole Training Program (BPPTP) as authorized by L.D. 2023 (131st Legislature) enacting 25 M.R.S. §2804-M (effective July 1, 2025) and 25 M.R.S. §2803-A(2) and (5-C).

**PUBLIC HEARING *(if any)*:** Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 9:00 am at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, 15 Oak Grove Road, Room B120 Brian MacMaster Board Room, Vassalboro, ME 04989

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** Sunday, September 7, 2025

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Director Lincoln Ryder, Maine Criminal Justice Academy, 15 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro, ME 04989 Office phone: 207-877-8008, Fax: 207-877-8027 email: lincoln.e.ryder@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:** 25 M.R.S. §§2803-A(2) & (18), 2806-A(5)

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

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

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**AGENCY: 16-227 Department of Public Safety, Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 5, Training Standards**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P111**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** These proposed amendments to Chapter 5 will update the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Training Standards to implement a separate basic training course and certification standards for probation and parole officers as authorized by L.D. 2023 (131st Legislature) enacting 25 M.R.S. §2804-M (effective July 1, 2025) in section 7 of the rule. The amendments establish the Basic Probation and Parole Training Program (BPPTP) as the training program for probation and parole officers, including application procedures for the BPPTP and certification and recertification standards for probation and parole officers. This section also provides for a mechanism for qualified probation officers trained prior to July 1, 2025 to be certified under this rule.

Additionally, these amendments update the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program (BLETP) in section 2, codifying the contents of Specification S-1, previously incorporated by reference, in the main text of the rule and updating or clarifying sections of the rule allowing for the delivery of the curriculum in 18-20 weeks (depending on need), defines the BLETP applications process, clarifies situations involving leave under the Family Medical Leave Act and military commitments, modifies the scoring matrix for Mechanics of Arrest, Restraint, and Control training testing, clarifies that students must meet the physical fitness exit standard at the time of their final assessment, clarifies the procedure for continuing certification through mandatory in-service training pursuant to 25 M.R.S §2804-E (previously listed as “recertification”), and establishes recertification procedures for previously certified officers with 2 or more years of inactivity.

Additionally, these amendments update the Basic Corrections Training Program and Juvenile Basic Corrections Training Program certification requirements to clarify that the 80 hours of agency field training be supervised by certified corrections officers (sections 3-A.C.4 and 3-B.C.4, respectively).

**DETAILED SUMMARY:**

These proposed amendments to Chapter 5 will update the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Training Standards to implement a separate basic training course and certification standards for probation and parole officers as authorized by L.D. 2023 (131st Legislature) enacting 25 M.R.S. §2804-M (effective July 1, 2025) in section 7 of the rule. The amendments establish the Basic Probation and Parole Training Program (BPPTP) as the training program for probation and parole officers, including application procedures for the BPPTP and certification and recertification standards for probation and parole officers. This section also provides for a mechanism for qualified probation officers trained prior to July 1, 2025 to be certified under this rule.

Additionally, these amendments update the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program (BLETP) in section 2, codifying the contents of Specification S-1, previously incorporated by reference, in the main text of the rule. Amendments also:

• Provide authority to the Academy Director with the discretion to deliver the 720-hour BLETP curriculum in 18 to 20 weeks based on needs related to class size, availability of training facilities, and availability of instructors / cadre / assisting instructional staff (section 7.A).

• Defines the application process for the BLETP (section 7.D)

• Converts weeks to hours and clarifies training / certification exceptions for students leaving the program for leave under the Family Medical Leave Act or military commitments (section 2.E.2.a)

• Modify the scoring matrix for Mechanics of Arrest, Restraint, and Control training testing from an 80% skills / 20% scenario scoring to a 50% skills / 50% scenario scoring (section 2.E.7).

• Clarify that students must meet the physical fitness exit standard at the time of their final assessment (section 2.E.9).

• Clarifies the procedure for continuing certification through mandatory in-service training pursuant to 25 M.R.S §2804-E (section 2.G), previously listed as “recertification”.

• Establishes recertification procedures for previously certified officers with 2 or more years of inactivity (section 7.H).

Additionally, these amendments update the Basic Corrections Training Program and Juvenile Basic Corrections Training Program certification requirements to clarify that the 80 hours of agency field training be supervised by certified corrections officers (sections 3-A.C.4 and 3-B.C.4, respectively).

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: August 27, 2025 at 9:00 am, Maine Criminal Justice Academy, 15 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro, ME 04989, Brian MacMaster Board Room, Room B120

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** September 7, 2025

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Director Lincoln Ryder, Maine Criminal Justice Academy, 15 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro, ME 04989 Office phone: 207-877-8008, Fax: 207-877-8027 email: lincoln.e.ryder@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:** 25 M.R.S §2803-A(18) and 25 M.R.S. §2804-M

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

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

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**AGENCY: 02-031 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 210, Standards for Pharmacy Benefits Managers**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P112**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The rule is amended in response to changes in law made by Public Law 2025, Chapter 291 to prohibit spread pricing by pharmacy benefits managers.

**PUBLIC HEARING**: August 26, 2025 11:00 am Maine Bureau of Insurance, Kennebec Room, 76 Northern Ave., Gardiner, ME, 04345

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** September 9, 2025, 4:00 pm

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING**:

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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:** 24-A M.R.S. §§ 212, 4348(8), and 4349(5)

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

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

**EMAIL FOR OVERALL AGENCY RULEMAKING LIAISON:** Stacy.L.Bergendahl@maine.gov

**AGENCY: 02-373 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Licensure in Medicine**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 1, Rule Regarding Physicians**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P113**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The Board of Licensure in Medicine proposes amendments to the rule to: define the terms “clinical license”, “post graduate medical education”, “reentry license”, and “telehealth”; change the term “permanent license” to “clinical license”; require applicants to personally complete application materials; amend the criteria regarding administratively incomplete applications; set the fee to renew an inactive status license at $100; add a “reentry license” type and define the requirements to obtain and renew a “reentry license”; change the fee structure for citations; and delegate review and approval of requests to withdraw applications to the Board Secretary.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None planned. Requests to hold a public hearing by any interested person may be submitted in writing to the identified agency contact person.

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** Friday, September 5, 2025, 4:30 p.m.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Timothy E. Terranova, Executive Director, Board of Licensure in Medicine, 137 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0137; tel. (207) 287-6930; fax (207) 287-6590; tim.e.terranova@maine.gov

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

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

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 32 M.R.S. §§ 3266, 3269, 3271, 3276-3278, 3280-A, 10 M.R.S. §§ 8003(5)(C), 8003-E.

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

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

**EMAIL FOR OVERALL AGENCY RULEMAKING LIAISON:** maureen.s.lathrop@maine.gov

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

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 1, Open Water and Ice Fishing Regulations (Musquash Lake, West)**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P114**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** As a result of the discovery of the presence of largemouth bass, an illegally introduced, warmwater species in West Musquash Lake located in T6 R1 NBPP, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is proposing the following change to South Zone fishing regulations:

**MUSQUASH LAKE, WEST**, T6 R1 NBPP (South Zone). General fishing laws apply, except: S-13, S-17. No bag limit on togue under 23 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 33 inches: 1 fish. All togue between 23 and 33 inches must be released alive at once. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.

As this lake is in the South Zone where bass are managed and protected, this regulation proposes removing the general law protections for bass in West Musquash Lake. A complete copy of the proposal may be requested from the agency contact person.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** August 26, 2025 @ 4:00pm – IFW, 353 Water Street, 3rd floor conference room, Augusta, ME

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** September 5, 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 & 12453

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

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

**ADOPTIONS**

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

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

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-156**

**CONCISE 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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Sunday, August 3, 2025**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Bill Brown, Director, Actuarial and Legislative Affairs

AGENCY NAME: Maine Public Employees Retirement System

ADDRESS: 139 Capital Street, Augusta, ME

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

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

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-157**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

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 is obsolete and no longer has any application. This proposed rulemaking repeals Rule Chapter 901.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Sunday, August 3, 2025**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Bill Brown, Director, Actuarial and Legislative Affairs

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