**State of Maine: Notice of Agency Rulemaking – December 21, 2023**

**NOTICE OF STATE RULEMAKING**

**Public Input for Rules**

Notices are published each Wednesday to alert the public regarding state agency rulemaking. You may obtain a copy of any rule by notifying the agency contact person. You may also comment on the rule, and/or attend the public hearing. If no hearing is scheduled, you may request one - the agency may then schedule a hearing, and must do so if 5 or more persons request it. If you are disabled or need special services to attend a hearing, please notify the agency contact person at least 7 days prior to it. **Petitions**: you can petition an agency to adopt, amend, or repeal any rule; the agency must provide you with petition forms, and must respond to your petition within 60 days. The agency must enter rulemaking if the petition is signed by 150 or more registered voters, and may begin rulemaking if there are fewer. You can also petition the Legislature to review a rule; the Executive Director of the Legislative Council (115 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333, phone (207) 287-1615) will provide you with the necessary petition forms. The appropriate legislative committee will review a rule upon receipt of a petition from 100 or more registered voters, or from "...any person who may be directly, substantially and adversely affected by the application of a rule..." (Title 5 §11112). **World‑Wide Web**: Copies of the weekly notices and the full texts of adopted rule chapters may be found on the internet at: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules>. There is also a list of rulemaking liaisons (<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/liaisons.html>), who are single points of contact for each agency.

**PROPOSALS**

AGENCY: **06-096 - Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**  
CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 127-A** (New), Advanced Clean Cars II Program  
TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical  
PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: **2023-P145 *(Second publication, comment deadline extension)***

BRIEF SUMMARY: In response to a citizen petition, this rule was proposed to establish motor vehicle emission standards for new passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles by incorporating the requirements of the California Advanced Clean Cars II regulations, beginning model year 2027. Due to the state emergency resulting from the December 18, 2023, storm the Board of Environmental Protection meeting scheduled for December 21 was cancelled. This prevented a Board vote on whether to adopt the proposed rule, and therefore the proposed rule must be amended to begin with model year 2028. In light of this substantial change in the proposed rule the Department is requesting comments from the public concerning this change of the proposed rule.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing was held August 17, 2023, at the Augusta Civic Center

NEW COMMENT DEADLINE: February 5, 2024

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

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 38 M.R.S., Sections 576-A, 585, 585-A, 585-D

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

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