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**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda**

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# AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **18-125**

AGENCY NAME: **Bureau of Revenue Services**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:**

None

**CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT**: N/A

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 101: GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: Maine Revenue Services is considering possible updates to certain general administrative provisions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By April 1, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine taxpayers and/or tax professionals.

**CHAPTER 104: FILING OF MAINE TAX RETURNS**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. §§ 112 and 193

PURPOSE: This rule describes the requirements for filing certain Maine tax returns, including mandatory electronic filing of certain Maine tax returns. Maine Revenue Services anticipates amending this rule to remove the Service Provider Tax from the tax types requiring electronically filed returns.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By December 31, 2025.

AFFECTED PARTIES: All Maine taxpayers who file Maine Service Provider Tax returns with Maine Revenue Services.

**CHAPTER 201: Rules of Procedure Used to Develop State Valuation**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S.A. §§ 112, 201, 208, 305

PURPOSE: The State Tax Assessor must annually perform state valuation for each municipality and for each county containing unorganized territory, to determine market value of all taxable property in the state. Municipal market values are used to calculate the distribution of municipal revenue sharing and State aid for education. Rule 201 establishes the guidelines for the state valuation process and must be amended to make various technical changes.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine municipal officials, administrators of the unorganized territory, and Maine residents.

**CHAPTER 202: Tree Growth Tax Law Valuations**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. §§ 112(1), 305(5), 576

PURPOSE: 36 M.R.S. § 576 requires the State Tax Assessor to annually establish the current use values for forest land enrolled in the Tree Growth Tax Law program. The current use values are determined after considering area growth rates, tree-type distributions, and timber stumpage sales during previous calendar years. The annual current use values are used to determine municipal property tax rates for affected land and State reimbursements to municipalities. The rule is being repealed and replaced to update the per-acre values for the tax year beginning April 1, 2026.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By April 1, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine municipal assessors and Maine taxpayers with land enrolled in the Tree Growth Tax Law program.

**CHAPTER 205: Certification of Assessors**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. §§ 112(1), 305(5)

PURPOSE: Certification of property tax assessors in the State of Maine is the responsibility of the State Tax Assessor.  This rule governs the nature and content of the certification examinations as well as the enforcement of the continuing education requirements required under 36 M.R.S. § 311.  Maine Revenue Services anticipates amending this rule to clarify continuing education credit requirements, the certification renewal process, and the inactive/retired certification status; as well as make other technical changes.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Certified Maine assessors.

**CHAPTER 302: SALES TO GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This rule establishes administrative rules outlining the circumstances under which a retailer will be relieved of its burden of proving that sales to an entity described in 36 M.R.S. §§ 1760 and 2557 are exempt from sales or service provider tax. Maine Revenue Services anticipates amending this rule to reflect current administrative practice and to clarify the type of activities an exempt organization may use its exemption certificate for by providing additional examples of allowable use of the certificate under 36 M.R.S. § 1760-C.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Retailers and taxpayers affected by exemption certificates.

**CHAPTER 323: COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURAL PRODUCTION, COMMERCIAL FISHING, AND COMMERCIAL WOOD HARVESTING**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This rule explains 36 M.R.S. § 2013 as it pertains to the issuance of refunds and certificates of exemption to persons who are engaged in commercial agricultural production, commercial aquacultural production, commercial fishing, and commercial wood harvesting. Maine Revenue Services anticipates amending this rule to incorporate recently enacted Maine legislation expanding qualifying activities under 36 M.R.S. § 2013 to include commercial mining, and to update the rule’s title.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Retailers and persons engaged in commercial agricultural production, commercial aquacultural production, commercial fishing, commercial wood harvesting, and commercial mining.

**CHAPTER 325: SALES TO TRIBES, TRIBAL MEMBERS, AND TRIBAL ENTITIES**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This rule provides definitions, explanations, and examples of taxable and non-taxable transactions related to sales to Maine Indian tribes, tribal members, and tribal entities, including sales sourced to tribal lands. Maine Revenue Services anticipates amending this rule to incorporate recently enacted Maine legislation. In particular, Maine Revenue Services anticipates (1) updating the list of qualifying tribes to include the Mi’kmaq Nation, and (2) incorporating law changes in P.L. 2025, c. 271, which provide that, for the purposes of the sales tax exemption for sales sourced to tribal land, the sale of a motor vehicle to a tribal member or tribal entity is sourced to tribal land if the vehicle is intended to be driven or transported to tribal land immediately upon receipt of the vehicle.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, and the Mi’kmaq Nation, members and entities of such tribes, and retailers and resellers of tangible personal property and taxable services who make sales to such parties.

***new* CHAPTER 327: rEFUND procedures**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This new rule may be adopted to reflect ongoing administrative considerations regarding applications for refund of sales or use tax.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Retailers and taxpayers requesting refunds or credits of sales or use tax.

***new* CHAPTER 328: bUNDLED tRANSACTIONS**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This new rule may be adopted to clarify the calculation or apportionment of sales tax on a transaction containing both taxable and non-taxable items.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Retailers and taxpayers engaged in selling or purchasing tangible personal property and/or taxable services in bundled transactions.

**CHAPTER 401: SERVICE PROVIDER TAX – RETURN AND PAYMENT OF TAX**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This rule establishes requirements for the filing of tax returns and the payment of the Maine Service Provider Tax pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 2554. Maine Revenue Services anticipates repealing this rule.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By December 31, 2025.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Taxpayers and providers of services subject to the Service Provider Tax.

**CHAPTER 801: Apportionment**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This rule explains Maine corporate income tax apportionment for business entities. Maine Revenue Services anticipates amending this rule to update and clarify issues related to Maine corporate income tax apportionment.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Business taxpayers that have nexus with Maine and that have income from business operations within and without Maine.

**CHAPTER 803: INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING REPORTS AND PAYMENTS**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This rule identifies income subject to Maine income tax withholding, prescribes the methods for determining the amount of Maine tax to be withheld, and otherwise clarifies the requirements under Maine law for withholding from wages, non-wage payments, consideration from real property sales, and pass-through entity income. It also explains the related reporting requirements, including mandated electronic filing.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Employers and other payers of income subject to Maine income tax withholding.

**CHAPTER 805: Composite filing**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This rule establishes procedures for filing of composite returns of income by partnerships, estates, trusts, and S corporations on behalf of partners, beneficiaries, or shareholders.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Partnerships, estates, trusts, and S corporations that elect to participate in the composite filing program and electing partners, beneficiaries, and shareholders that are eligible persons.

**CHAPTER 806: NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This rule provides income tax guidance for nonresident individuals in determining Maine-source income and Maine losses, as well as information on completing relevant forms and schedules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Nonresident individual taxpayers that realize income from Maine sources.

**CHAPTER 807: RESIDENCY**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This rule provides income tax guidance for individuals in determining residency status for purposes of the Maine individual income tax.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Individual income tax taxpayers.

**CHAPTER 808: NEXUS**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This rule describes the circumstances under which a corporation is subject to the income tax jurisdiction of Maine under 36 M.R.S., Part 8.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Corporate income tax taxpayers.

**CHAPTER 811: STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT TAX CREDIT**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This rule addresses the Maine student loan repayment tax credit (“SLRTC”) pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 5217-E.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Individual income tax taxpayers.

**CHAPTER 816: DIRIGO BUSINESS INCENTIVES TAX CREDIT**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. §§ 112(1), 5219-AAA(9)

PURPOSE: This rule provides guidance regarding eligibility and calculation of the Dirigo Business Incentives Tax Credit applicable to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Businesses seeking to claim the Dirigo Business Incentives Tax Credit.

**CHAPTER 825: TRIBAL MEMBER INCOME FROM SOURCES ON TRIBAL LAND**

STATUTORY BASIS: 36 M.R.S. § 112(1)

PURPOSE: This rule provides income tax guidance for tribal members and certain estates of tribal members for purposes of calculating the income modifications under 36 M.R.S. §§ 5122(1)(PP) and 5122(2)(ZZ) and regarding the application of Maine withholding requirements on payments made to tribal members. The rule includes guidance of when an individual qualifies as a tribal member residing on tribal land and determination of when income is derived from or connected with sources on tribal land.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Individual income tax taxpayers.

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **18-389**

AGENCY NAME: **Bureau of Human Resources**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT:** N/A

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTERS 1-15: MAINE RULES OF CIVIL SERVICE**

STATUTORY BASIS: 5 M.R.S., §7036, subsection 17.

PURPOSE: To comprehensively update these rules to make them consistent with any legislative or policy changes. The Maine Rules of Civil Service have not been updated or revised in a global way for decades. Among others, these revisions will update statutory references and titles, remove outdated methods of recruitment, such as newspapers, and job registries, clarify the Functional Job Assessment process, update the vacation/leave provisions, promotion/demotion provisions, align the compensation and classification provisions with current practices, examine and consolidate employment registry and examination provisions, update performance evaluation processes, update benefit provisions, and grievance procedures. The Maine Management Service guidelines will also be reviewed to ensure alignment with the updated Civil Service Rules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By December 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: State Employees

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **18-553**

AGENCY NAME: **Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations / Maine State Liquor and Lottery Commission**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT:** N/A

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 2: Pricing of Spirits**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §§81, 83-C and 606, sub-§4-A

PURPOSE: To establish such rules as necessary for the administration of the state liquor laws under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations for the sale and distribution of spirits, pricing of spirits, and creating sales incentives programs for agency liquor stores.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Agency liquor store licensees; wholesale distributors of spirits and suppliers of spirits.

**CHAPTER 3:** **ON-PREMISEs Data Collection**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §453-C, sub-§4, ¶D

PURPOSE: To establish such rules as necessary for mitigating the costs incurred by reselling agents in providing sales data of spirits to on-premises licensees to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Agency liquor stores that are licensed as reselling agents.

**CHAPTER 4: Rules Governing the Process for the Relocation of an Agency Liquor Store within the same municipality**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §453-D, sub-§3.

PURPOSE: To establish a process by which an agency liquor store may provide support of, or objection to the relocation of another agency liquor store within the same municipality.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Persons licensed as an agency liquor store.

**CHAPTER 10: Maine State Lottery**

STATUTORY BASIS: 8 M.R.S. §374

PURPOSE: To establish such rules as necessary for the operation of the Maine State Lottery including types of games offered, subscriptions, price of tickets, number and size of prizes, manner of selecting winning tickets, the method of paying prizes, the sale of tickets and the licensing, performance, fee charges and commission of ticket agents.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensed lottery retail agents and the public.

**CHAPTER 20: Powerball RULES**

STATUTORY BASIS: 8 M.R.S. §374

PURPOSE: To establish rules for the operation of a multi-jurisdictional lottery including any marketing and promotion of lottery games with other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensed lottery retail agents and the public.

**CHAPTER 30: CASH POP Rules**

STATUTORY BASIS: 8 M.R.S. §374

PURPOSE: To establish rules for the operation of a Maine only lottery game including any marketing and promotion of the lottery game.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensed lottery retail agents and the public.

**CHAPTER 40: Mega Millions rules**

STATUTORY BASIS: 8 M.R.S. §374

PURPOSE: To establish rules for the operation of a multi-jurisdictional lottery including any marketing and promotion of lottery games with other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensed lottery retail agents and the public.

**CHAPTER 50: Lucky for Life rules**

STATUTORY BASIS: 8 M.R.S. §374

PURPOSE: To establish rules for the operation of a multi-jurisdictional lottery including any marketing and promotion of lottery games with other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensed lottery retail agents and the public.

**NEW CHAPTER 60: MILLIONAIRE FOR LIFE RULES**

STATUTORY BASIS: 8 M.R.S. §374

PURPOSE: To establish rules for the operation of a new multi-jurisdictional lottery including any marketing and promotion of lottery games with other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensed lottery retail agents and the public.

**CHAPTER 70: World Poker Tour Rules**

STATUTORY BASIS: 8 M.R.S. §374

PURPOSE: To establish rules for the operation of a Maine only lottery including any marketing and promotion of the lottery game.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensed lottery retail agents and the public.

**CHAPTER 80: Lotto America Rules**

STATUTORY BASIS: 8 M.R.S. §374

PURPOSE: To establish rules for the operation of a multi-jurisdictional lottery including any marketing and promotion of lottery games with other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensed lottery retail agents and the public.

**NEW: CHAPTER 90: New Game tbd**

STATUTORY BASIS: 8 M.R.S. §374

PURPOSE: To establish rules for the operation of a multi-jurisdictional lottery including any marketing and promotion of lottery games with other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensed lottery retail agents and the public.

**CHAPTER 101: Operation and Control of All Licensed Premises**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §83-B.

PURPOSE: To ensure the effective administration of 28-A M.R.S. Maine Liquor Laws.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Persons owning and/or operating premises licensed to sell and/or serve alcoholic beverages pursuant to applicable provisions of 28-A M.R.S.

**CHAPTER 102: Premises Licensed for On-Premises Consumption Only**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §83-B.

PURPOSE: To ensure the effective administration of provisions of 28-A M.R.S. Maine Liquor Laws, applicable to licenses for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Persons owning and/or operating premises where alcoholic beverages may be consumed on-premises.

**CHAPTER 103: Premises Licensed for Off-Premises Sales Only**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §83-B.

PURPOSE: To ensure the effective administration of provisions of 28-A M.R.S. Maine Liquor Laws, applicable to licenses for off-premises sales of alcoholic beverages.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Persons owning and/or operating premises where alcoholic beverages may be sold off-premises.

**CHAPTER 104: Premises Licensed as Wholesalers, Manufacturers and Certificates of Approval**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §83-B.

PURPOSE: To ensure the effective administration of provisions of 28-A M.R.S. Maine Liquor Laws, applicable to wholesalers and manufacturers of alcoholic beverages, and certificates of approval.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Wholesalers and manufacturers of alcoholic beverages; holders of certificates of approval.

**CHAPTER 105: Labeling**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §83-B.

PURPOSE: To ensure the effective administration of provisions of 28-A M.R.S. Maine Liquor Laws, applicable to the labeling of alcoholic beverages.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Labelers of alcoholic beverages.

**CHAPTER 106: SalesPERSONS**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §83-B.

PURPOSE: To ensure the effective administration of provisions of 28-A M.R.S. Maine Liquor Laws, applicable to salespersons selling alcoholic beverages.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Salespersons selling alcoholic beverages.

**CHAPTER 107: Advertising and Signs Applicable to All License Holders**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §§83-B and 707, sub-§9.

PURPOSE: To ensure for the effective administration of provisions of 28-A M.R.S. Maine Liquor Laws, applicable to persons licensed to sell and/or serve alcoholic beverages who advertise and/or place signs regarding the sale and/or service of alcoholic beverages.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Persons licensed to sell and/or serve alcoholic beverages who advertise and/or place signs regarding the sale and/or service of alcoholic beverages.

**CHAPTER 110: Agency Liquor Stores**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §§83-B and 462, sub-§7.

PURPOSE: To ensure the effective administration of applicable provisions of 28-A M.R.S. Maine Liquor Laws, relating to agency liquor stores.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Persons holding or applying for an agency liquor store license.

**CHAPTER 120: Licensing Procedure**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §83-B.

PURPOSE: To ensure the effective administration of applicable provisions of 28-A M.R.S. Maine Liquor Laws, relating to agency liquor stores.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Persons holding or applying for an agency liquor store license.

**CHAPTER 130: Selection and Location of Agency Liquor Stores**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §83-B.

PURPOSE: To ensure the effective administration of applicable provisions of 28-A M.R.S. Maine Liquor Laws, relating to agency liquor stores.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Persons holding or applying for an agency liquor store license.

**CHAPTER 140: Merchandising and Stock**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §83-B.

PURPOSE: To ensure the effective administration of applicable provisions of 28-A M.R.S. Maine Liquor Laws, relating to agency liquor stores.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Persons holding or applying for an agency liquor store license.

**CHAPTER 150: Signs and Advertising**

STATUTORY BASIS: 28-A M.R.S. §§83-B and 710.

PURPOSE: To ensure the effective administration of applicable provisions of 28-A M.R.S. Maine Liquor Laws, relating to agency liquor stores.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Persons holding or applying for an agency liquor store license.

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **18-554**

AGENCY NAME: **Bureau of General Services**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT:** N/A

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**NEW CHAPTER TBD: LEAD BY EXAMPLE OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT**

STATUTORY BASIS: Enactment of 5 M.R.S. §1742 (20-B) and 5 M.R.S. §1742-H.

PURPOSE: The enactments, as incorporated into Public Laws 2025, Ch. 388, authorize DAFS to purchase, retire and sell Renewable Energy Credits, with the priority to achieve 100% renewable energy for State buildings and any remaining funds placed in a Lead by Example Other Special Revenue Account. The Account also is authorized to receive federal clean energy direct reimbursements. Rules will determine how funds will be distributed to State agencies under a competitive, revolving grant program for state agency renewable energy projects, purchase of electric vehicles, construction of electric vehicle charging stations and initiatives that support maintenance, upgrades and upkeep of renewable energy systems.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By June 30, 2026

AFFECTED PARTIES: State government agencies, renewable energy industry entities involved in EVs, EV charging, solar design and installations, geothermal systems and other renewable energy systems.

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**NEW CHAPTER TBD: LEASE OF STATE-OWNED FACILITIES**

STATUTORY BASIS:5 M.R.S. § 1781-1786

PURPOSE:5 M.R.S. §1785 requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services to adopt rules to implement Title 5, Chapter 154. The purpose of these rules is to implement the Director’s authority to establish procedures for offering state-owned facilities that are wholly or partly unused to other state agencies; for offering such facilities by competitive bidding to organizations that are not state agencies; for offering such facilities in some cases without competitive bidding to organizations that are not state agencies; for determining costs generated by users or lessees of such facilities for purposes of reimbursement to the State; and for determining rental fees based on the location of the facilities, accessibility, local market rates, services, or in-kind contributions provided by the user or lessee and any other standards deemed necessary by the Director.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION:By June 30, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES:Anyone interested in leasing unused, State-owned facilities.

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