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Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL SAFETY PROGRAM**

2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-041**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Program**

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

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

Expected rulemaking will be to implement legislation governing telehealth services within the scope of practice of the licensee’s license, including licensure by endorsement and provisional licensure.

A review for conformance with statutes and current rules will be conducted and updated as may be necessary, including an update to discontinue the use of the terms “handicap,” “handicapped” and “hearing impaired” pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 2557, sub-§2.

**CHAPTER 70**: **Definitions**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 15101, 15102, 15103-A and 15109

PURPOSE: This Chapter defines the terms that are used in the Program’s rules. This Chapter may be amended to clarify and update provisions as necessary as well as to clarify other terms used in the rules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 71**: **Variances**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 15103-A, 15104-B

PURPOSE: This Chapter establishes the procedures for the filing of a petition for a variance. This Chapter may be amended to clarify and update provisions as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 72**: **Advisory Rulings**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S. §§ 8051, 9001; 32 M.R.S. § 15103-A

PURPOSE: This Chapter establishes requirements and guidelines for the discretionary issuance of advisory rulings. This Chapter may be amended to clarify and update provisions as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 73**: **Safety Codes and Standards**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 15103-A, 15105

PURPOSE: This Chapter specifies the national safety codes and standards that apply to boilers and pressure vessels regulated in the State of Maine. This Chapter may be amended to clarify and update provisions as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 74**: **Power Boilers**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 15103-A

PURPOSE: This Chapter establishes requirements for the safe and proper construction, installation, repair, use, operation and inspection of power boilers. This Chapter may be amended to clarify and update provisions for the periodic inspections of power boilers.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 75**: **Low Pressure Boilers**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 15103-A, 15102

PURPOSE: This Chapter establishes specific requirements for the identification, construction, installation, inspection, and operation of low pressure boilers. This Chapter may be amended to clarify and update provisions as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 76**: **Pressure Vessels**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 15103-A, 15105

PURPOSE: This Chapter establishes requirements for the design, construction, installation, inspection, and operation of pressure vessels. This Chapter may be amended to clarify and update provisions as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 77**: **Repairs and Alterations**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 15103-A, 15109(8), 15110

PURPOSE: This Chapter establishes requirements for performing welded repairs, mechanical replacement of pressure parts, and alterations on boilers or pressure vessels. This Chapter may be amended to clarify and update provisions as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 78**: **Duties and Responsibilities of Owners of Boilers and Pressure Vessels**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 15103-A, 15104-B, 15119, 15121

PURPOSE: This Chapter establishes general guidelines for owners of boilers and pressure vessels. This Chapter may be amended to clarify and update provisions as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 79**: **Inspectors**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 15103-A, 15120

PURPOSE: This Chapter establishes requirements for initial and renewal licensure of inspectors in addition to those established by 32 M.R.S. § 15120. This Chapter may be amended to clarify and update provisions as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 80**: **Boiler Operators and Stationary Steam Engineers**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 15103-A, 15109

PURPOSE: This Chapter establishes requirements for licensure and responsibilities of boiler operators and stationary steam engineers. This Chapter may be amended to clarify and update provisions as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 15103-A; 10 M.R.S. 8003-H

PURPOSE: To implement legislation to establish a process to issue a license by endorsement to applicants from other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A