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Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**Maine Fuel Board**

2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda

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

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

Rulemaking to implement legislative changes to establish a process to issue a license by endorsement to applicants from other jurisdictions.

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 1**: **Definitions**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18123(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter clarifies terms in the law and these rules. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity in light of changing industry education standards.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 2**: **Advisory Rulings**

STATUTORY BASIS: 5 M.R.S. §§ 8051, 9001(4)

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes guidelines relating to advisory rulings. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 3**: **Categories and Responsibilities of Licensure**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. §§ 18123(2), 18132, 18133, 18134, 18134-A, 18135, 18136,  18138, 18139

PURPOSE: This chapter describes the duties and responsibilities for licensure. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 4**: **Qualifications for Examination and Licensure**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18123(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the qualifications for licensure and describes the application and examination process. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity in light of changing industry education standards.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 5**: **Use of Other License Authorities**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18123(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the requirements for licensed master and journeyman oil and solid fuel technicians to gain licensed experience as an apprentice to qualify for an additional license authority. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 6**: **Adoption of Standards**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18123(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the standards for installation of any oil and solid fuel burning equipment, propane and natural gas equipment, chimneys, fireplaces and vents. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute, and will update adopted standards to more recent versions of published codes and standards.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 7**: **Modification of Standards**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18123(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter allows the board to authorize modifications to installation standards under unusual circumstances. This chapter provides the board with the discretion to alter installation standards after appropriate technical consideration. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 8**: **Installation of Oil Burning Equipment (with Appendix)**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18123(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the guidelines for the installation of oil burning equipment with necessary safety controls, devices and standards for the reduction of fire hazards associated with oil fired equipment used in residential, commercial and industrial applications. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 9**: **Installation of Solid Fuel Burning Equipment**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18123(2)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this chapter is to specify the proper installation of solid fuel burning equipment in accordance with NFPA # 211. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 10**: **Chimneys**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18123(2)

PURPOSE: The primary purpose of this chapter is to set forth the rules governing the removal of waste gases. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 11**: **Installation of Waste Oil Appliances and Waste Oil Supply Tanks**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18123(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter provides requirements for the use of waste oil burning equipment and accessory equipment installations. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 12**: **Permits for Aboveground and Underground Propane and Natural Gas Storage Facilities and Rooftop Installations**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18123(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the requirements for permitting aboveground and underground propane and natural gas storage facilities and rooftop installations. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 13**: **Installation of Propane and Natural Gas Burning Equipment**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18123(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the guidelines for the installation of propane and natural gas burning equipment with necessary safety controls. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 14**: **Propane and Natural Gas Containers, Dispensers, and Piping (with Appendix)**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18123(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter describes the necessary safety controls, devices and standards for the reduction of fire hazards associated with propane and natural gas storage and transfer equipment (including piping) used in residential, commercial and industrial applications. The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

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

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 18142-A; 10 M.R.S. 8003-H

PURPOSE: To implement P.L. 2021, c. 167 and P.L. 2021, c. 642, to establish a process to issue a license by endorsement and to grant provisional licenses to applicants from other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A