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Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**BOARD OF LICENSING OF AUCTIONEERS**

2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-302**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, Office of Professional & Occupational Regulation, **Board of Licensing of Auctioneers**

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

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

Expected rulemaking will be to implement legislation governing 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 10**: **General Information**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 288, 289

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes guidelines relating to meetings and agendas.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 20**: **Fees**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 289

PURPOSE: This chapter needs to be repealed. This chapter is no longer necessary, as the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation amended its fee chapter to include fees for purposes related to the Auctioneers Board.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 30**: **Qualifications for Licensure**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 289, 292

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes the qualifications for licensure. The Board may need to amend the chapter to increase the amount of the bond required for initial and renewal licensure.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 40**: **Advisory Rulings**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 289; 5 M.R.S. §§ 8051, 9001(4)

PURPOSE: This chapter details procedures for submission, consideration and disposition of requests for advisory rulings. Changes may be necessary to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 50**: **Minimum Standards of Practice**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 289

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes the standards of practice. The Board may need to make amendments to the standards of practice in response to changes in business practices that impact the public or complaints filed with the Board.

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: 10 M.R.S. § 8003-H, § 8003-5-A(D)(7)

PURPOSE: The Board may adopt rules to establish a process to issue a license by endorsement or to grant provisional licenses to applicants from other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A