**02-041**

Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS ACT**

2025–2026 Regulatory Agenda

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

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **Charitable Solicitations Act**

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

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

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**: **Registration Applications and Financial Statements**

STATUTORY BASIS: 9 M.R.S. § 5018

PURPOSE: This chapter contains provisions relating to the submission of licensing applications and financial statements required to be filed with the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation under the Maine Charitable Solicitations Act.

SCHEDULE FOR REPEAL: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees, applicants.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 2**: **Annual Fundraising Activity Reports**

STATUTORY BASIS: 9 M.R.S. § 5018

PURPOSE: This chapter explains how charitable organizations and professional solicitors shall calculate their remittances and retentions from the prior year in order to comply with the requirement to file an annual report of the prior year’s fund-raising activity.

SCHEDULE FOR REPEAL: Within one year, if necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 3**: **Enforcement and Disciplinary Procedures**

STATUTORY BASIS: 9 M.R.S. § 5018

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the right of an applicant or a licensee to appeal certain regulatory actions. This chapter contains an outdated reference to enforcement and disciplinary procedures used by the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

The Director may repeal this chapter.

SCHEDULE FOR REPEAL: Within one year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees, applicants and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A