

**Annual List of Rulemaking Activity**  
**Rules Adopted January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019**  
*Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A sub-§5*

**Agency name:** Department of Public Safety, **Maine Emergency Medical Services**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **16-163**  
**Statutory authority:** 32 MRS §84(4)  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 19** (*New*), Community Paramedicine  
**Filing number:** **2019-096**  
**Effective date:** 6/7/2019  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** Yes

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

Promulgation of this rule through emergency rulemaking is necessary to ensure for the continued wellbeing of the current patients enrolled with the original community paramedicine pilot programs. By allowing these EMS agencies to keep providing this service, we can prevent unnecessary visits to the emergency room and provide a service that may otherwise go unmet in terms of these patient's healthcare. Adding this rule will allow these EMS agencies to continue as was the intent of the legislature when the establishment of Community Paramedicine services was added to the statute in 2017. This rule will allow the Board of Emergency Medical Services to establish the requirements and application and approval process of community paramedicine services.

**Basis statement:**

This chapter – which applies to Community Paramedicine services, the application and approval process for community paramedicine services, and the minimum requirements for community paramedicine services – will ensure that the Board of Emergency Medical Services and the Maine Emergency Medical Services Staff will be able to issue Community Paramedicine designations to services wishing to provide Community Paramedicine services to Maine residents.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

Not applicable.

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**Statutory authority:** 32 MRS §84(4)  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 19** (*New*), Community Paramedicine  
**Filing number:** **2019-158**  
**Effective date:** 8/31/2019  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**  
*(See Basis Statement)*

**Basis statement:**

This rule is intended to establish guidelines under which the Emergency Medical Services Board may issue a Community Paramedicine designation to an entity that is applying for such a designation under 32 MRS ch. 2-B §84(4) Establishment of community paramedicine services. The board may establish community paramedicine services. As used in this subsection, "community paramedicine" means the practice by an emergency medical services provider primarily in an out-of-hospital setting of providing episodic patient evaluation, advice and treatment directed at preventing or improving a particular medical condition, within the scope of practice of the emergency medical services provider as specifically requested or directed by a physician.

The board shall establish by rule the requirements and application and approval process of community paramedicine services established pursuant to this subsection. At a minimum, an emergency medical services provider, including, but not limited to, an ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service, that conducts community paramedicine services shall work with an identified primary care medical director, have an emergency medical services medical director and collect and submit data and written reports to the board, in accordance with requirements established by the board. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5 ch. 375 sub-ch, 2-A.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

There is no anticipated fiscal impact.

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**Agency name:** Department of Public Safety, **Office of State Fire Marshal**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **16-219**  
**Statutory authority:** 25 MRS §§ 2450, 2453; 32 MRS §1374  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 1**, Fee Schedules for Plans Examination  
**Filing number:** **2019-181**  
**Effective date:** 10/28/2019  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

*(See Basis Statement)*

**Basis statement:**

Updates the fee schedule for the review of plans on construction, reconstruction, repairs and renovations so they will reflect the fee structure listed in Maine statute 25 MRS §2450.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

No fiscal impact.

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**Agency name:** Department of Public Safety, **Office of State Fire Marshal**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **16-219**  
**Statutory authority:** 25 MRS §2452  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 3**, Fire Prevention Code  
**Filing number:** **2019-207**  
**Effective date:** 11/27/2019  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**  
*(See Basis Statement)*

**Basis statement:**

This rule is amended to adopt the 2018 edition of NFPA #1, *Uniform Fire Code*, and is critical to the general fire safety in and around buildings in the State of Maine. It includes Ch. 38, which covers fire safety for marijuana grow and extraction facilities. This code also addresses new technology that will allow for compliance with the code and in some situations allow for equivalences.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

There is not expected to be a significant fiscal impact with the adoption of this code. The fire protection industry is already instituting many of the requirements.

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**Agency name:** Department of Public Safety, **Office of State Fire Marshal**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **16-219**  
**Statutory authority:** 25 MRS §§ 2396, 2452  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 17**, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, **NFPA #72**  
**Filing number:** **2019-208**  
**Effective date:** 11/27/2019  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**  
*(See Basis Statement)*

**Basis statement:**

This rule is amended to adopt the 2019 edition of NFPA 72, which includes recognition of new technology such as Voice over Internet Protocol and Ethernet communications and allows technology available for years to be used in the fire alarm and signaling industry. The adoption of the 2019 edition of NFPA 72 also incorporates the subject matter of the State Fire Marshal's rule Ch. 18, which is being repealed. The rule is intended to allow companies to use newer equipment and provide building owners with more options for compliance with the standard.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

There should be no fiscal impact from adoption of this code.

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**Agency name:** Department of Public Safety, **Office of State Fire Marshal**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **16-219**  
**Statutory authority:** 25 MRS §2398  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 18** (*Repeal*), Carbon Dioxide Alarms  
**Filing number:** **2019-209**  
**Effective date:** 11/27/2019  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**  
*(See Basis Statement)*

**Basis statement:**

This rule is being repealed because the adoption of the 2019 edition of NFPA 72 in Ch. 17 will incorporate the subject matter of the State Fire Marshal's rule Ch. 18.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**  
No fiscal impact.

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**Umbrella-Unit:** **16-219**  
**Statutory authority:** 25 MRS §2452; 8 MRS §236  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 20**, Fire Safety in Buildings and Structures  
**Filing number:** **2019-210**  
**Effective date:** 11/27/2019  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**  
*(See Basis Statement)*

**Basis statement:**

This rule is amended to adopt NFPA #101, Life Safety Code, to align our state adopted code with several federal codes that we enforce. It adopts updated versions of NFPA # 80, 220 and 221: all of these standards work in unison with NFPA # 101 to provide a minimum safety standard in and around all buildings in the State of Maine. Adoption of NFPA # 241 was needed as it is now a standalone standard instead of being part of a larger standard, It will allow our office and municipalities to ensure safety during the construction of buildings.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**  
No fiscal impact.

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**Agency name:** Department of Public Safety, **Office of the Commissioner**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **16-219**  
**Statutory authority:** 25 MRS §4201(2), (1-A), (1-B)  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 70**, Regulation Establishing Critical Incident Stress Management Team Training Standards  
**Filing number:** **2019-244**  
**Effective date:** 11/27/2019  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

The principal reason for proposing this amendment to the existing regulation is to ensure that the regulation is consistent with the statutes amended by PL 2019 ch. 89, An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Critical Incident Stress Management Teams.

**Basis statement:**

The amendment of the existing regulation – which amendment, during its development, was reviewed by the leader of the Maine State Police Critical Stress Management Team – ensures that the regulation is consistent with applicable Maine law. DPS does not anticipate that the amended rule will have any impact on either businesses or the environment.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

No additional fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of the proposed amendments that would be made to the existing regulation..



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**Agency name:** Department of Public Safety, **Gambling Control Board**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **16-633**  
**Statutory authority:** 8 MRS §1003(1)(B) & (C)  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 2**, Licenses and Applications  
**Ch. 4**, License Records  
**Ch. 5**, Internal Controls (*including Appendix A*, Minimum Internal Controls)  
**Filing number:** **2019-125, 126, 127**  
**Effective date:** 7/22/2019  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

The rule package repeals the identification of coins, tokens, hoppers and drop buckets for use in slot machines. There are none and have not been any use of these since inception. All slot machines today are considered ticket in and ticket out which accepts tickets and/or currency only.

**Basis statement:**

This rule package removes the use of the outdated terms coins, tokens, hoppers, drop buckets, and slot booths. Coins, tokens, hoppers, and drop buckets have not been used since the inception of slot machine facilities and casinos in the State. All slot machines today are considered ticket in and ticket out, which means the machines accept tickets and/or currency only. Slot booths are satellite areas used to complete the same transactions that the main cage does. There are no slot booths in either facility as of the date of these changes and neither facility anticipates adding any.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

Not applicable.