

**Annual List of Rulemaking Activity**  
**Rules Adopted January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**  
*Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A sub-§5*

**Agency name:** **Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Board**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **94-178**  
**Statutory authority:** 10 MRS §374  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 502**, Procedures Governing Administration of the Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Board  
**Filing number:** **2020-054**  
**Effective date:** 3/18/2020  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

The purpose of this amendment is to update the procedures of the Board in accordance with changes pursuant to PL 2016 ch. 412, which allows the Board to contract with a financial service provider which approves or denies loan applications, with a right to appeal to the Board.

**Basis statement:**

The Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Board, established pursuant to 10 MRS §373, consists of 9 members appointed by the Governor. The Board administers the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program, which provides funding for loans to qualified borrowers within the State in order to acquire adaptive equipment designed to assist persons with disabilities to improve their independence.

From the inception of the program in 1987 until 2016, the Board approved or denied loan applications, after review and recommendation by the Finance Authority of Maine, in accordance with 10 MRS §374.

Pursuant to PL 2016 ch. 412, the legislature amended the laws governing the oversight and administration of the program fund and allowed the Board to contract with a financial services provider which approves or denies loan applications, with a right to appeal to the Board. The rule change sets forth the procedures for appeals to the Board in the event of a denial of a loan by the financial service provider. The rule change also clarifies and simplifies the procedures of the Board.

The Board reviewed its existing rule and considered changes to be made to its procedures in accordance to changes made to approval of loan in accordance with PL 2016 ch. 412. The Board consulted with the Office of the Attorney General during the development of these amendments to ensure consistency with legal requirements. The Board consulted with the State Treasurer and its financial services provider during the development of these amendments to ensure that the procedures in the Rule are compatible with operations on the ground.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

*(No response)*