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INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (ICAR)
AGENDA (Revised 4/6/18)
Monday, April 9, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
Pavilion 4th Floor Conference Room by the Treasurer's Office

- Welcome
- Review and approval of the minutes from the March 19, 2018 meeting
- Note any additions or deletions from the agenda
- Public comment
- Presentation of the following proposed rules:
 1. Hospital Reporting Rule, Agency of Human Services, Department of Health
 - a. The purpose of this rule is to establish the process and timeline for data submission and reporting for the generation of a statewide hospital quality report and reporting on the community health needs assessments.
 2. Rule 2.200 Procedures Generally Applicable, Vermont Public Utility Commission
 - a. The proposed rule addresses two issues. First, the proposed rule changes the Commission's practice concerning ex parte communications. Under the proposed rule, the Commission and its staff will be able to discuss procedural matters on an ex parte basis. This change will facilitate better communication between the Commission and participants in Commission proceedings. Second, the proposed rule will allow parties in Commission proceedings to file testimony in either a question/answer or narrative format. Under the current rule, all testimony must be in question/answer format. This change will give participants more flexibility in formatting their testimony. Both changes were recommended by the Act 174 working group, a body established by the Legislature to review public participation in Commission proceedings. More information about the working group is available online at: <http://puc.vermont.gov/public-participation/act-174-working-group>.
 3. Rules and Instructions Governing Overweight and Overdimension Vehicle Permits, Agency of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles
 - a. The proposed amendment modifies the "Inclement Weather" restrictions to be more in line with other states & jurisdictions, removes "fees" from the rule for future proofing, removes several holidays from the "restricted" list and removes one now obsolete permit.
 4. Rules Governing Inspection of Motor Vehicles, Agency of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles



- a. The rule adopts Federal Safety Standards by which motor vehicles are inspected for compliance with safety and emissions requirements. The rule describes the procedure for inspecting motor vehicles, sets pass/fail/advisory criteria, and ensures the State of Vermont is upholding the National Highway Safety Standards for vehicles being driven on the State's public highways. The rule consolidates multiple duplicative periodic inspection manuals into one concise document and clarifies the role of inspection mechanics in conducting periodic inspections.
5. Rules Governing the Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals, Vermont Agency of Education, Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators
 - a. The proposed rule revisions support the VSBPE's mission. Specifically, the VSBPE is:
 - i. Adapting to current practices in the field by revising educator competencies and the authorizing statements of several endorsements: 5440-02 Art, 5440-03 Business Education, 5440-09 Family and Consumer Sciences, 5440-12 Music, 5440-14 Computer Science, 5440-15 Social Studies, 5440-25 Online Teaching Specialist, 5440-37 Theater Arts and 5440-42 Educational Technology Specialist.
 - ii. Revising current Core Leadership Standards to align with National Leadership Standards and Competencies.
 - iii. Aligning Education Quality Standards and Vermont Education Initiatives with expectations for Vermont Educator Preparation Programs.
 - iv. Revising current rules regarding Emergency Licenses and the Instructional Level of the Elementary Education endorsement to support schools in recruitment and retention in the field.
6. Form, Content & Timing of Residential Real Estate Mortgage Loan Commitment Letters, Department of Financial Regulation
 - a. The proposed changes to the regulation:
 1. Make the definitions more consistent with state and federal statutes and regulations;
 2. Update the content of the standard commitment letter;
 3. Create an optional short form commitment letter that lenders may use with the Closing Disclosure required by federal Regulation Z;
 4. Specify the content for reverse mortgage loan commitment letters;
 5. Clarify that commitment letters may be signed and delivered electronically pursuant to the Vermont Electronic Transactions Act;
 6. Require that the commitment letter be delivered at least 3 business days prior to the loan closing;
 7. Provide additional clarification about delivering the commitment letter less than 3 business days prior to the loan closing in the case of a borrower's bona fide personal financial emergency.

- Next meeting date: Monday, May 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
- Adjournment