

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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April 10, 2014

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, April 10, 2014, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room of the State House in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following members were present:

Rep. Richard Marek, Vice Chair  
Rep. Patsy French  
Rep. Robert Krebs  
Rep. Linda Myers

Sen. Mark MacDonald, Chair  
Sen. Margaret Flory  
Sen. Robert Hartwell  
Sen. Diane Snelling

Staff present:

Aaron Adler  
Katie Pickens

Committee Counsel  
Committee Assistant

The minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2014 were approved.

The committee reviewed the following rules:

**14-E03 – 3rd Emergency Rule – Agency of Human Services, Department for Children & Families/Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment (HBEE) Amendment #3.**

Mark Larson, Commissioner for the Department of Vermont Health Access, presented the rule to the committee. This emergency rule is to bridge a gap between the most recently approved emergency rule and the permanent rule filed with the Secretary of State on March 21, 2014. Mr. Larson indicated that the two differences between the 2nd emergency rule and the 3rd emergency rule are the result of issues related to small businesses and to the appeals process. Mr. Larson responded to questions from the committee.

On a motion by Rep. Marek, the committee unanimously approved the emergency rule.

**14-E02 – 5th Emergency Rule – Agency of Human Services, Department for Children & Families/General Assistance Emergency Housing for Vulnerable Populations.**

Leslie Wisdom, General Counsel for the Department for Children and Families, presented the rule to the committee. The 5th emergency rule extends the effective date for the General Assistance emergency rule pending legislative action that may affect the general assistance housing program. There is no change from the 4th emergency rule. Ms. Wisdom responded to question from the committee.

On a motion by Sen. Snelling, the committee unanimously approved the emergency rule.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for April 17, 2014, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room of the State House in Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Adler  
Committee Counsel