

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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June 12, 2014

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, June 12, 2014, beginning at 10:00 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. Robert Krebs  
Rep. Linda Myers

Sen. Mark Macdonald, Chair  
Sen. Robert Hartwell

Staff present:

Aaron Adler  
Katie Pickens

Committee Counsel  
Committee Assistant

The minutes of the meeting of May 29, 2014 were approved.

The committee reviewed the following rules:

**13-P47 – Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation/Amendments to Air Pollution Control Regulations.** Megan O’Toole, Staff Attorney for the Department of Environmental Conservation’s Air Quality and Climate Division, gave the committee an overview of the rule. The rule changes primarily update Vermont’s ambient air quality standards to conform to federal revisions to those standards under the Clean Air Act. Ms. O’Toole and Douglas Elliot, Section Chief, also of that division, responded to questions from the committee.

On a motion by Rep. Myers, the committee unanimously approved the rule as submitted.

**14-P21 – Agency of Human Services, Department of Health/Treatment Standards for Expedited Partner Therapy for Sexually Transmitted Diseases.** The rule stems from Act 42 of the 2013 Legislative Session. Dawn Philibert, Public Health Policy Advisor for the

Department of Health, presented the rule to the committee. The rule allows health care professionals to prescribe medication to the sexual partner or partners of a patient diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease without an examination of the partner or partners. Ms. Philibert and David Englander, Senior Policy and Legal Advisor for the Department of Health, responded to questions from the committee.

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

**14-P22 – Agency of Human Services, Department of Health/Maternal Mortality Review Panel Rule.** Lillian Colasurdo, Public Health Policy Advisor for the Department of Health, presented the rule to the committee. The rule establishes procedures for gathering and reporting information relating to maternal deaths to the Maternal Mortality Review Panel. Ms. Colasurdo and Mr. Englander responded to questions from the committee.

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

### **Other Business**

1. Sen. MacDonald provided the committee with an update concerning a State Board of Education letter regarding rule-making technical changes.

2. The Department for Children and Families' permanent rule on Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment (HBEE) rule will be the only rule on the agenda for the next meeting on June 26, 2014 due to the pending expiration of the emergency rule of the same title.

3. Regarding Rule 13-P47 (air pollution control regulations), Sen. MacDonald noted that they do not relate to rules recently proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency regarding greenhouse gas emissions.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for June 26, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room of the State House in Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Counsel