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STATE OF VERMONT

Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

MINUTES

October 16, 2025

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, October 16, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 10 of the State House Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following members were present:

Sen. Seth Bongartz, Vice Chair
Sen. Scott Beck
Sen. Robert Plunkett

Rep. Trevor Squirrell, Chair
Rep. Mark Higley
Rep. Larry Satcowitz

Staff present:

Michael O'Grady
Damien Leonard
Emery Mattheis
Lindsey Schreier

Legislative Counsel
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Committee Assistant
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Convene, Review, and Approve Minutes of 8/7/25

On motion of Senator Beck, the Committee approved the minutes of August 7, 2025.

Review of Rules

The Committee reviewed the following rules:

25-P022 - 2025 Vermont Fire & Building Safety Code

Landon Wheeler, Deputy Director of the Division of Fire Safety, Department of Public Safety explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

This rule amendment proposes to update the 2015 Vermont Fire and Building Safety Code to reflect the updates contained in the 2021 amendments to the national and international codes that Vermont's 2015 Fire and Building Safety Code is based on. The provisions of the rule establish minimum standards to protect against the risks of fire, explosion, hazardous materials, dangerous structural conditions, and carbon monoxide poisoning in public buildings.

On motion of Sen. Bongartz, the Committee approved the rule.

25-P023 - Electricians' Licensing Board: 2023 Vermont Electrical Safety Rules

Dennis Blair, Chair of Electricians' Licensing Board, Department of Public Safety explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

This proposed rule amendment updates Vermont's 2020 Electrical Safety Rules (adopted in 2022) to incorporate the updates made in the most recent, 2023, version of the National Electrical Code that the Rule is based on.

On motion of Sen. Bongartz, the Committee approved the rule with the changes proposed by the Board in the memorandum dated October 13, 2025.

25-P024 - Plumbers' Examining Board: 2025 Vermont Plumbing Rules

John Hammer, Chair, Vermont Plumber's Examining Board, Department of Public Safety explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee. Landon Wheeler, Deputy Director of the Division of Fire Safety, Department of Public Safety also answered questions from the Committee.

This proposed rule amendment updates Vermont's 2022 Plumbing Rules to reflect updates in the most recent, 2024, version of the International Plumbing Code that the Rules are based on. Additional changes include gender-neutral and multi-user restroom provisions, clarifications regarding specialist license fields, new definitions, and additional clarifications and terminology.

On motion of Sen. Beck, the Committee approved the rule.

24-P047 - Vermont Water Supply Rule

Ben Montross, Drinking Water Program Manager for the Agency of Natural Resources explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

This proposed rule amendment updates Vermont's Water Supply Rule to incorporate EPA rules regarding PFAS that were promulgated in 2024. Because of Vermont's existing level of PFAS regulation, the amendment proposes to expedite the compliance timeline set forth in the federal rules. In addition, the rule incorporates language setting out existing Departmental practices related to prohibiting solar energy and battery installations within the water source isolation zone to prevent possible contamination in the event of a fire or leak.

On motion of Sen. Beck, the Committee approved the rule with the changes proposed by the Department in the memorandum dated October 10, 2025.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is tentatively scheduled for November 13, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 10 of the State House Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Damien Leonard
Committee Counsel

cc: APA Clerk, Secretary of State
ICAR, Agency of Administration