

16-163 Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Management Services**2024-004: Chapter 21, Immunization Requirements****Statutory Authority:** 32 M.R.S. §§ 81-A, 84(1)(A), 88(2)(B)**Type:** Routine Technical**Emergency?:** No**Fiscal impact:** None**Principal purpose:** *The purpose of this proposal for the amendment of Chapter 21 is to remove COVID-19 as a disease covered by this chapter and to add to the list of vaccine-preventable diseases for which licensees of the Board must obtain proof of immunization, an exemption, or, in the case of seasonal influenza, the option to wear a surgical mask.***Basis Statement:** *Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 81-A, the Emergency Medical Services' Board (hereafter "Board") is responsible for the oversight of emergency medical service (EMS) agencies throughout the State of Maine. The Board is charged with the medical care and transportation of the sick and injured and promoting the public's health, safety, and welfare. Pursuant to its rulemaking authority in 32 M.R.S. § 84(1)(A), the Board is amending its current immunization requirements to remove COVID-19, retain Influenza, and add Rubeola, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, and Pertussis as diseases for which immunization is required for EMS persons who routinely provide direct patient care. The purpose of the rulemaking is to reduce the risk of exposure to and transmission of vaccine-preventable diseases from EMS persons to patients. EMS persons frequently encounter the immune-compromised, the elderly, and the young. The Board's proposed changes are based on recommendations from the U.S. CDC's Immunization of Healthcare Personnel Recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Immunization published on November 25, 2011, which includes Influenza, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, and Pertussis for Health Care Personnel, recommendations from the American College of Preventative Medicine which recommends mandatory vaccination or presumptive evidence of immunity against influenza, measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis, and varicella for healthcare workers, information from the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention indicating that between 2011 and 2019, Maine experienced an elevated incidence of pertussis compared to the national average, and a Maine Public Health Advisory published on April 6, 2023 indicating that cases of pertussis in Maine were increasing. The federal public health emergency for COVID-19 ended on May 11, 2023, and the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services withdrew COVID-19 vaccine requirements for healthcare employees in June 2023. In addition, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services adopted amendments to 10-144 C.M.R. ch. 264 regarding vaccination requirements for healthcare workers working in certain healthcare environments, on September 5, 2023, which removed COVID-19 as a disease for which immunization was required, but maintained requirements for vaccination against Influenza, Rubeola, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella. In amending Chapter 21 of the Board's rules, the Board is responding to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, including the evolving scientific research and the nature of the disease itself, and is aligning its rule with the requirements of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services' rule.*

16-227 Department of Public Safety, Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees

2024-030: Chapter 5, Training Standards

Statutory Authority: 25 M.R.S. §§ 2801-2809

Type: Routine Technical

Emergency?: No

Fiscal impact: None

Principal purpose: *This rule is proposed to update the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Training standards to designate the current Basic Corrections Training Program as the training program for adult corrections officers and implement the Juvenile Basic Corrections Training Program as a separate basic training course for juvenile corrections officers as authorized by P.L. 2023, ch. 341 (effective October 25, 2023). Additionally, minor corrections are made to the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program standards for academic testing and other minor typographical errors. There is no anticipated fiscal impact.*

Basis Statement: *The purpose of the rule is to better inform Maine Criminal Justice Academy staff, applicants for law enforcement and corrections training, and law enforcement and corrections certificate holders about the procedures for applying to attend training, training requirements, maintenance of certifications, and recertification which is authorized pursuant to 25 M.R.S. §§ 2803-A(1), 2803-A(5), and 2803-A(5-B). Additionally, the rule creates a separate training program and certification standards for juvenile corrections officers pursuant to 25 M.R.S. § 2803-A(5-B) as corrections officers in juvenile correctional facilities need to operate differently from corrections officers in adult correctional facilities to achieve their correctional objectives.*

16-633 Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit

2024-043: Chapter 32, Rules Relating to Games of Chance

Statutory Authority:	17-A M.R.S. Ch. 62, §§ 1832, 1934, 1835-B & 1840 and 21-A M.R.S. § 1006
Type:	Routine Technical
Emergency?:	No
Fiscal impact:	Unknown
Principal purpose:	<i>This rule package is to create rules to implement the new game night statutory changes in 17 M.R.S. ch. 62 as amended by 2023 PL 2023 ch. 391, that authorize once a calendar year game nights for certain entities. In addition, these amendments include Unit proposed language to clarify recordkeeping and submission requirements for licensees and registrants.</i>
Basis Statement:	<i>This rule package is to create rules to implement the new game night statutory changes in 17 M.R.S. ch. 62 as amended by 2023 PL 2023 ch. 391, that authorize once a calendar year game nights for certain entities. In addition, these amendments include Unit proposed language to clarify recordkeeping and submission requirements for licensees and registrants.</i>

Statutory Authority:	25 M.R.S. §§ 2803-A(18), 2803-B(1)(D), and 2803-B(2)
Type:	Routine Technical
Emergency?:	No
Fiscal impact:	None
Principal purpose:	<i>The purpose of this proposed new rule is to establish the minimum standards for a mandatory written law enforcement agency policy on Response to Domestic Abuse required by 25 M.R.S. § 2803-B(1)(D) as recently amended by P.L. 2023, ch. 235, §§ 6-8. There is no anticipated fiscal impact.</i>
Basis Statement:	<i>The purpose of the rule is to establish minimum standards for a mandatory written law enforcement agency policy on Response to Domestic Abuse required pursuant to 25 M.R.S. § 2803-B(1)(D). Accordingly, the rule establishes the minimum policy standards with which law enforcement agencies and their staff must comply. This policy requirement will require law enforcement agencies to implement comprehensive procedures that will instruct and guide their law enforcement staff on proper handling of domestic abuse and related complaints. The expectation is that these required procedures will help ensure uniform and effective responses to domestic abuse complaints and uniform and effective after-action review and reporting of incidents involving the death or serious injury of a victim of domestic violence.</i>

16-163 Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services

2024-062: Chapter 25, Implementing the Maine EMS Stabilization Program

Statutory Authority: 32 M.R.S. §§ 84(1), 98

Type: Routine Technical

Emergency?: No

Fiscal impact: *Maine EMS estimates that this rule will introduce \$12,000,000 into licensed eligible EMS entities throughout the State of Maine and that this funding will stabilize the operations of these entities, which currently operate at a net loss. Maine EMS estimates that this funding will have an impact on the wages of EMS clinicians, which will cause downstream effects within the communities in which these clinicians reside. Maine EMS estimates that these funds will be spent within the State of Maine, which will have an impact on the municipalities served by eligible entities.*

Principal purpose: *The Board of EMS is proposing this rule to implement the provisions of 32 M.R.S. §89 regarding financial assistance to emergency medical services entities at immediate risk of failing and leaving their communities without access to adequate emergency medical services. This rule was adopted as an emergency rule by the Board, effective December 13, 2023, to provide for the disbursement of funds to stabilize and continue the essential services of EMS entities within the State of Maine at immediate risk of failure, is necessary to avoid a disruption of those essential services. The promulgation of this rule is necessary to ensure the uninterrupted functioning of this program and to ensure that the disbursement of funds authorized under the emergency rule continues.*

Basis Statement: *Pursuant to the requirements of 32 M.R.S. §84(1)(A), 32 M.R.S. §88(2)(B), and 32 M.R.S §98, the Maine EMS Board is adopting a permanent rule; Implementing the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization Program. Previously, the Board adopted an Emergency Rule, Chapter 24: Implementing the Maine EMS Stabilization Program. That rule expired on March 12, 2024. The Board is using as a basis for its policy decision the report published in December of 2022 by the 130th Legislature’s Second Regular Session Blue Ribbon Commission To Study Emergency Medical Services in the State, in which they record as findings and recommendations that: “...members expressed grave concern that EMS in the State is not only at the edge of a cliff but that in many areas of the State, particularly rural areas, EMS is already over that cliff. The primary issue facing EMS is a lack of funding...emergency medical services provided by an ambulance service are essential services. Funding is necessary and vital to delivering those essential services...” This report further includes in Recommendation A-2 that “The Legislature should initially allocate \$25 million of the recommended \$70 million appropriation to specifically target transporting EMS services at immediate risk of failing and leaving their service area without access to adequate EMS.” 32 M.R.S. §98 describes the purpose of that section as “...to provide financial assistance to emergency medical services entities based in the State that are facing immediate risk of failure...” 32 M.R.S. §81(A) states that “...The Legislature finds that the provision of medical assistance in an emergency is a matter of vital concern affecting the health, safety and welfare of the public...” The promulgation of this rule is necessary to continue the uninterrupted functioning of this program and to ensure that the disbursement of funds authorized under the emergency rule continues, acknowledging that there is a continued need as established by the legislature.*

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2024-082: Chapter 15, Maine EMS Regions and Regional Councils

Statutory Authority: 32 M.R.S. §§ 84(1), 88(2)(B), 89

Type: Routine Technical

Emergency?: No

Fiscal impact: *While there may be a fiscal impact on contractors that are currently providing regional administrative support services, it isn't possible to definitively identify the potential impact of the implementation of this rule on those specific entities. Some of those entities may be poised to receive additional funds; whereas others that are providing services for multiple existing regions may not receive as much funding because they will only be able to support one region at a time.*

Principal purpose: *The Board of Emergency Medical Services (hereafter Board) is proposing to repeal and replace existing rules regarding regions and regional councils, to clarify the composition, roles, and responsibilities of the regional councils. In doing so, consolidating the existing six-region model to a four-region structure that is aligned with existing county boundaries based on the recommendations of multiple independent evaluations. This proposal also serves to clarify the process by which regional councils are recognized, the manner in which they must report their activities and finances and the manner in which those activities must be carried out, the conditions under which an organization in each region may be recognized by the Board as the regional council for that region, and the structure of the regional council to ensure that it adequately represents each major geographical part. The proposed rule includes and clarifies the duties of the Regional Medical Director and establishes that regions may elect to have an Associate Regional Medical Director.*

Basis Statement: *Pursuant to its rulemaking authority in 32 M.R.S. § 84(1)(D), the Emergency Medical Services' Board (hereafter "Board") is responsible for promulgating rules related to the composition of regional councils, the process by which they come to be recognized, the manner in which regional councils must report their activities and finances, and the manner in which those activities must be carried out. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §89, the Board is responsible for delineating regions within the State, and for setting out conditions under which an organization in each region may be recognized by the Board. The purpose of this rulemaking is to amend its current rules to consolidate and realign the existing regional structure into a four-region model to align them with existing county boundaries. The Board's proposed changes are based on recommendations from An Assessment of Maine Emergency Medical Services System: Report and Recommendation on Maine EMS with a focus on regional programs and services (hereafter "ASMI"), published in December 2016, and recommendations from An Assessment of the Maine EMS System (hereafter "EMSSTAR"), published on July 21, 2004. The ASMI report recommended "The State Maine Board of EMS should begin planning for transition from the six (6) current regions to three (3) regions (with consideration for subregions) centered around the state's tertiary care facilities" The Board considered the recommendation of three (3) regions, however decided to pursue a change to four (4) regions finding that the large geographic size of the northernmost region makes it challenging to provide the necessary support. The ASMI report further recommended "The focus of Regional Council activities should be clearly delineated by rule (not just for service contracts)*

and should emphasize regional system development...” The EMSSTAR report recommended “Clearly define the roles of the regional councils and staff and establish quantitative reporting requirements and performance accountability” In adopting this rule, the Board is responding to the requirement for rulemaking found in 32M.R.S. §84(1)(D) by clarifying the composition of the regional councils and the process by which they come to be recognized, while ensuring pursuant to 32 M.R.S §89 that there is adequate representation of groups named within the authorizing statute and structuring the regional council to adequately represent each major geographical part of its region.

16-633 Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit

2024-083: Chapter 62, Geolocation and Remote Access

Statutory Authority: 8 M.R.S. § 1203(2)(K) & (G)

Type: Routine Technical

Emergency?: No

Fiscal impact: *Non applicable*

Principal purpose: *To establish rules required under 8 M.R.S. §1203(2)(K) to regulate the conduct of sports wagering in Maine under the recently enacted Chapter 35 of Title of the Maine Revised Statutes. 8 M.R.S. §§ 1201-1219 and add additional requirements to Chapter 62 as required under 8 M.R.S. §1203(2)(G)*

Basis Statement: *This rule is to establish rules required under 8 M.R.S. §1203(2)(K)&(G) to create standards for involuntary placement on the unauthorized list and for removal from the list in Chapter 67 and adds the requirements for geolocation providers to furnish the Director with a real time dashboard and data feed in Chapter 62.*

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2024-084: Chapter 67, Involuntary Placement of Persons on the Unauthorized Persons List

Statutory Authority:	8 M.R.S. § 1203(2)(K) & (G)
Type:	Routine Technical
Emergency?:	No
Fiscal impact:	<i>Non applicable</i>
Principal purpose:	<i>To establish rules required under 8 M.R.S. §1203(2)(K) to regulate the conduct of sports wagering in Maine under the recently enacted Chapter 35 of Title of the Maine Revised Statutes. 8 M.R.S. §§ 1201-1219 and add additional requirements to Chapter 62 as required under 8 M.R.S. §1203(2)(G)</i>
Basis Statement:	<i>This rule is to establish rules required under 8 M.R.S. §1203(2)(K)&(G) to create standards for involuntary placement on the unauthorized list and for removal from the list in Chapter 67 and adds the requirements for geolocation providers to furnish the Director with a real time dashboard and data feed in Chapter 62.</i>

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2024-146: Chapter 2, Definitions

Statutory Authority:	32 M.R.S. §84(1), 32 M.R.S. §88(2)(B)
Type:	Routine Technical
Emergency?:	No
Fiscal Impact:	<i>No anticipated fiscal impact.</i>
Principal purpose:	<i>The Emergency Medical Services' Board ("Board") is seeking to amend its rules to add two definitions; defining "Routinely" as it is used throughout the Board's rules to clarify a threshold for the number of calls for service that an agency may respond to before their response is considered "routine". The Board is also defining a "9-1-1 Primary Response Area" to clarify and operationalize proposed changes to Chapter 3 of the Board's rules.</i>
Basis Statement:	<i>The Emergency Medical Services Board is amending Chapter 2: Definitions, of its rules to add two definitions; "Routinely" and "9-1-1 Primary Response Area". By adding "Routinely" to its definitions, the Board is seeking to clarify a threshold for the number of calls for service that an agency may respond to before their response is considered "routine", which would impact requirements for licensure by the Board. By adding a definition for a "9-1-1 Primary Response Area", the Board is clarifying and operationalizing changes to Chapter 3 of its rules.</i>

Statutory Authority: 32 M.R.S. §84.1, 32 M.R.S. §86.1.A

Type: Routine Technical

Emergency?: No

Fiscal Impact: *Maine EMS anticipates that the fiscal impact that the promulgation of this rule, or compliance with this rule will have will be minor for those municipalities or counties that have preexisting EMS services delivered. Maine EMS anticipates that for those municipalities or counties seeking to establish or change those services, there could be a fiscal impact of between \$15,000 and \$50,000 for a third-party disinterested consultant report needed for compliance with the rule. Maine EMS anticipates that most municipal-based EMS agencies already perform an annual driving history record check for operators who also operate fire-apparatus, however agencies that do not do so may incur an expense of no more that \$7.00/operator of an ambulance, annually.*

Principal purpose: *PL 2021, c. 241 §4 requires the Board of EMS (hereafter “Board”) to engage in rulemaking to evaluate the need for any new ambulance service in the State of Maine before granting a license, including rules that provide an appeal process for any decision made by the Board. The Board is proposing to adopt rules requiring entities licensed under this chapter to establish a written driver training program or standard operating procedure for the operation of ambulance and emergency medical service vehicles licensed by Maine EMS, which is intended to establish a standard related to entity recordkeeping, the review of driving records, policies related to safe operation, and the initial training of operators.*

Basis Statement: *The Board is amending its current Chapter 3: Ground Ambulance Service and Non-Transporting Service licenses to add rules required by PL 2021, c. 241 §4 for the Board to evaluate the need for any new ambulance service in the State of Maine prior to granting a license, including rules that provide an appeal process for any decision made by the Board. The Board based the criteria that an applicant must use, when applying for licensure with a 9-1-1 Primary Response Area, to define their proposed enroute times, response times, transport times, and time tolerances, on certificate of need processes and applications from the State of Arizona Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System and Connecticut Department of Public Health’s Office of Emergency Medical Services. The purpose of those criteria is to ensure that the applicant intends to establish service to the proposed geopolitical subdivision(s) to adequately meet the emergency healthcare needs of that geopolitical subdivision. The Board is additionally establishing an evaluation process for an applicant to pursue licensure with a 9-1-1 Primary Response Area that is currently served by a licensed ground ambulance that addresses when the currently licensed service voluntarily relinquishes the 9-1-1 Primary Response Area to the applicant, and when the current ground ambulance service does not voluntarily relinquish the 9-1-1 Primary response area to the applicant. In the case where a 9-1-1-Primary response area is not voluntarily relinquished, the Board is seeking to ensure that the change is acceptable to the geopolitical subdivision(s) within the area sought by requiring the submission of a signed and notarized letter, and is seeking*

to ensure that the change is impartially determined to be beneficial to Maine EMS's system by requiring a disinterested third-party consultant report that acknowledges and defends the change based off of criteria listed within the rule.

Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §81-A, the provision of the safe handling and transportation of the sick and injured is a key element of an emergency medical services system, for which Maine EMS is responsible for the coordination and integration of all state activities. The Board is additionally requiring services to establish a written driver training program and/or standard operating procedures for the operation of Ambulances and Emergency Medical Service Vehicles licensed by Maine EMS, in the interest of ensuring that the services are properly addressing the training and operation of vehicles the Board licenses. The Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards, already sets forth minimum driver-training requirements for fire apparatus for both career and volunteer firefighters that include a requirement to have a written SOP/Policy for the use of seatbelts, emergency vehicle response, an annual review of each apparatus driver's motor vehicle driving history, and the apparatus driver selection, "...in order to reduce accidents, injuries and loss of fire equipment". The Board is proposing similar rules to accomplish its purpose of ensuring the safe handling and transportation of the sick and injured.

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2024-218: Chapter 21, Immunization Requirements

Statutory Authority: 32 M.R.S. §84(1)(A)

Type: Routine Technical

Emergency?: No

Fiscal Impact: *The Emergency Medical Services Board does not anticipate there will be any fiscal impact.*

Principal purpose: *The Emergency Medical Services Board has previously engaged in rulemaking, during which comments were received from the public that advocated for the inclusion of licensed ambulance operators as “Covered Emergency Medical Services Person(s)” and which identified challenges with the timeline of implementation by which Covered Emergency Medical Services Person(s) would need proof of immunization or documentation of a medical exemption. As a result of the feedback from those comments, the Board is proposing to amend its rules to include licensed ambulance operators within the definition of a Covered Emergency Medical Services Person and to change the implementation timeline of the effective date within this chapter of rules.*

Basis Statement: *Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 81-A, the Emergency Medical Services’ Board (hereafter “Board”) is responsible for the oversight of emergency medical service (EMS) agencies throughout the State of Maine. The Board is charged with the medical care and transportation of the sick and injured and promoting the public’s health, safety, and welfare. Pursuant to its rulemaking authority in 32 M.R.S. § 84(1)(A), the Board is amending its current immunization requirements to address public comments received during previous rulemaking; the Board believes this rulemaking will address challenges identified by stakeholders related to Covered Emergency Medical Services Persons obtaining sufficient proof of immunization or documentation of a medical exemption by making the requirement for Covered Emergency Services Persons effective at the time such person is added to the entity’s roster within a system prescribed by the Office of Emergency Medical Services. This change would ideally make the requirement for documentation to be provided at the time the Covered Emergency Medical Services Person is onboarded to the entity as part of the hiring/affiliation process.*
The Board is additionally seeking, in response to comments received during previous rulemaking, to remove an exemption of Licensed Ambulance Operators as covered in the definition of Covered Emergency Medical Services Persons. The Board believes that removing this exemption will reduce the risk of exposure to and transmission of vaccine-preventable diseases from EMS persons to patients and between EMS persons, and will reduce the risk of severe disease from vaccine-preventable diseases for EMS persons. This belief is based in part upon the recognition of the role that Licensed Ambulance Operators have in assisting the response of Covered Emergency Medical Services persons as currently defined, on emergency medical calls.

16-633 Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit

2024-222: Chapter 28, Advanced Deposit Wagering

Statutory Authority:	8 M.R.S. § 1073; 8 M.R.S. § 1041(1); 8 M.R.S. § 1003 (3)(J)
Type:	Routine Technical
Emergency?:	No
Fiscal Impact:	<i>Non-applicable</i>
Principal purpose:	<i>This rule is to comply with changes in state law under 8 M.R.S.A., Chapter 31, Subchapter 7 Advanced Deposit Wagering</i>
Basis Statement:	<i>This rule is to comply with changes in state law under 8 M.R.S.A., Chapter 31, Subchapter 7 Advanced Deposit Wagering</i>

16-163 Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services

2024-236: Chapter 26, Community Grant Program

Statutory Authority: 32 M.R.S. § 84(1)(A), 32 M.R.S. § 97(4)

Type: Routine Technical

Emergency?: No

Fiscal Impact: *This rule sets forth the process by which funds totaling \$200,000.00 can be awarded to municipalities or groups of municipalities, to facilitate the review and consideration of the provision of effective and efficient emergency medical services for those municipalities or groups of municipalities, to engage in activities authorized by statute. This will have an impact on those municipalities or groups of municipalities commensurate with the amount of funds awarded and the activities undertaken.*

Principal purpose: *The Emergency Medical Services Board is proposing this rule to set forth the grant application and selection process pursuant to P.L. 2021 c. 700 §1.*

Basis Statement: *The Emergency Medical Service’s Board is adopting this rule to satisfy its obligation to establish the grant application and selection process pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §97(4). The Board is establishing within this rule the selection process for applications that are submitted by communities as defined by 32 M.R.S. §97(1)(A), which addresses the requirements for those applications, the criteria the application will be reviewed against, and the way funds will be awarded to applicants.*

16-227 Department of Public Safety, Maine Criminal Justice Academy

2024-262: Chapter 15, Standards of Conduct

Statutory Authority:	25 M.R.S § 2803-A(15-A) and (18)
Type:	Routine Technical
Emergency?:	No
Fiscal Impact:	None
Principal purpose:	<i>The proposed rule enacts 25 M.R.S § 2806-A(5)(M) following its passage in 2021, establishing standards of conduct for certificate holders or applicants for a certificate issued by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees, the violation of which will constitute grounds for imposing discipline pursuant to 25 M.R.S. § 2806-A(5)(M). This will include all law enforcement and corrections officers and will include probation officers beginning July 1, 2025, pursuant to the enactment of P.L. 2024, Ch. 525.</i>
Basis Statement:	<p><i>Pursuant to 25 M.R.S. § 2801(2), the purpose of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees (“the Board”) is to protect the public health and welfare by ensuring that the public is served by competent and honest criminal justice practitioners by establishing minimum standards of proficiency by examining, licensing, regulating, and disciplining practitioners.</i></p> <p><i>The rule responds to a 2021 legislative directive codified at 25 M.R.S § 2803-A(15-A) to adopt rules establishing standards of conduct for applicants for certificates and certificate holders, the violation of which would subject the person to disciplinary action pursuant to 25 M.R.S. § 2806-A(5)(M). The rule applies to all law enforcement and corrections officers and will include probation officers beginning July 1, 2025, pursuant to the enactment of P.L. 2024, Ch. 525.</i></p> <p><i>The rule recognizes that the professional conduct of corrections and law enforcement officers is of paramount importance in maintaining the high standards and integrity of the criminal justice system. Accordingly, this rule communicates and clarifies established professional standards to better assure professional conduct by certificate holders and, in accordance with 25 M.R.S. § 2806-A(5)(M), permit the Board to discipline those who violate these standards.</i></p>

16-633 Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit

2024-263: Chapter 32, Rules Relating to Games of Chance

Statutory Authority: 17 M.R.S.A. §1843. Rules

Type: Routine Technical

Emergency?: No

Fiscal Impact: *No expected fiscal impact.*

Principal purpose: *The proposed rule change will repeal the rule located in Chapter 32, section 4(5)(F). Operators of games of chance have expressed confusion about the rule to Unit staff. Operators are unsure whether the rule prohibits or allows the posting of all awards offered during a game. Repealing the rule will eliminate this confusion and clearly show that operators may post/advertise all awards offered to game participants.*

Basis Statement: *The proposed rule change will repeal the rule located in Chapter 32, section 4(6)(F). Operators of games of chance have expressed confusion about the rule to Unit staff. Operators are unsure whether the rule prohibits or allows the posting of all awards offered during a game. Repealing the rule will eliminate this confusion and clearly show that operators may post/advertise all awards offered to game participants.*