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2024-177: Chapter 810, Maine Historic Restoration Standards

Statutory Authority:	27 MRSA §504
Type:	Routine Technical
Emergency?:	No
Fiscal Impact:	N/A
Principal purpose:	<i>The adoption of the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties nationally and their use by the MHPC staff across the program renders the need for the state level restoration standards in Chapter 810 obsolete. Furthermore, recent amendments to 27 MRSA §505.D in PL 2023, c. 9, §1 make the rule inconsistent with Maine law because the quality of work performed through state financed grants for the preservation and restoration of historic properties must now be guided by the Standards.</i>
Basis Statement:	<p><i>This rule was adopted in 1986 in response to the establishment of a program of state financed grants for the restoration of historic buildings (27 MRSA §505.D.). Since this rule was written, the approach to the treatment of historic properties has evolved and been refined. This approach is now codified in federal law as the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR Part 68) [the Standards]. The Standards are an integral part of several activities carried out by State Historic Preservation Offices – including the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC) – to implement the program of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. These include the selection and award of pre-development/development grants, the review of historic rehabilitation tax credit projects, and in Section 106 consultation.</i></p> <p><i>The adoption of The Standards nationally and their use by the MHPC staff across the program renders the need for the state level restoration standards in Chapter 810 obsolete. Furthermore, recent amendments to 27 MRSA §505.D in PL 2023, c. 9, §1 make the rule inconsistent with Maine law because the quality of work performed through state financed grants for the preservation and restoration of historic properties must now be guided by the Standards.</i></p> <p><i>This action repeals the rule.</i></p>

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2024-178: Chapter 811, Historic Property Preservation and Restoration Grants

Statutory Authority:	27 MRSA §504
Type:	Routine Technical
Emergency?:	No
Fiscal Impact:	\$0.00
Principal purpose:	<i>Recent amendments to 27 MRSA §505.D in PL 2023, c. 9, §1 necessitate revisions to the rule. The amended rule would also accommodate the matching share provisions of the bond authorized by PL 2023, c. 653, should it be approved by voters.</i>
Basis Statement:	<i>This rule was originally adopted in 1986 in response to the establishment of a program of state financed grants for the restoration of historic buildings (27 MRSA §505.D). Recent amendments to 27 MRSA §505.D in PL 2023, c. 9, §1 necessitate revisions to the rule. The amended rule would also accommodate the matching share provisions of the bond authorized by PL 2023, c. 653, should it be approved by voters.</i>