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#### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

A withdrawal of Rule <u>364-X-4-.02 Fees</u> by the Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was erroneously generated and printed in the November 2023 AAM due to a technical issue created by the migration of data to the new website. Please disregard this withdrawal. This rule is effective on December 15, 2023.

#### ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING

#### NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling

RULE NO. & TITLE: 255-X-3-.02 Associate Licensed Counselor (ALC)

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

#### SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Board intends to clarify ALC supervision requirements and the LPC-S duties regarding the supervision of ALCs.

#### TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024. Comments are to be directed to Keith Warren, Executive Director,

2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, AL 36106 or by email at keith@alstateboard.com.

#### FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Friday, February 2, 2024

#### CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

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#### ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING

#### NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling

**RULE NO. & TITLE:** 255-X-4-.08 Application Retention

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

#### SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Board intends to clarify the definition of a complete application package and under what circumstances an applicant may have to reapply.

#### TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024. Comments are to be directed to Keith Warren, Executive Director,

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### ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PLANNING AND COORDINATION

#### NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama Commission on Higher Education

RULE NO. & TITLE:

300-2-1-.06 Reasonable Extensions And Alterations

Of Existing Units And Programs Of Instructions

INTENDED ACTION: Repeal and Replace

#### SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The proposed new rule is intended to address deficiencies within existing rule \$300-2-1-.06. Specifically, the rule needs to be reorganized to improve clarity. The proposed organization differs enough from the existing rule that it is preferable to repeal and provide a new rule, rather than amend the existing rule. The content of the new rule has been substantially enhanced to include a clear statement of purpose, Commission responsibility, and scope, along with relevant definitions. In addition, the provisions have been revised to align with accreditation standards and thereby streamline submission for institutional stakeholders.

#### TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Interested persons may present views on these amended rules by contacting Dr. Robin McGill, Deputy Director of Academic Affairs, Alabama Commission on Higher Education, P.O. Box 302000, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2000, robin.mcgill@ache.edu, (334) 242-2104, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. CT each business day up to and including February 23, 2024.

#### FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Friday, February 23, 2024

#### CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

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### ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Education

RULE NO. & TITLE: 290-3-1-.02 Regulations Governing Public Schools

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

#### SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Alabama State Board of Education proposes to amend Chapter 290-3-1, to amend the language of the Alabama high school graduation requirements which revises the cohort of public school students to demonstrate college and career readiness to align with Act #2023-365. In addition, to change the language of the Alabama high school graduation requirements to include the Alabama Civics Exam and Alabama Financial Literacy Exam codified in Act #2017-173 and Act 2023-179, respectively.

#### TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on January 11, 2024, Auditorium, Plaza Level, Gordon Persons Building, 50 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104.

#### FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Thursday, February 8, 2024

#### CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Dr. Melissa Shields, Assistant State Superintendent, Office of Student Learning.

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#### ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

#### NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Electrical Contractors

RULE NO. & TITLE: 303-X-2-.08 License Exemptions

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

#### SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Board intends to clarify exemptions to licensure requirements.

#### TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024. Comments should be directed to Keith E. Warren, Executive Director, 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, AL 36106 or by email at keith@alstateboard.com.

#### FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Friday, February 2, 2024

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#### ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

#### NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Electrical Contractors

RULE NO. & TITLE: 303-X-2-.10 Discipline Of A License

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

#### SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Board proposes to update the disciplinary of a license rule to comply with Section 41-22-12.

#### TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024. Comments should be directed to Keith E. Warren, Executive Director, 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, AL 36106 or by email at keith@alstateboard.com.

#### FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Friday, February 2, 2024

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## ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

#### NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Public Health

RULE NO. & TITLE: 420-1-5.09 State Health Orders

INTENDED ACTION: New

#### SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

To provide additional details for administering the health and quarantine laws of the state.

#### TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

A public hearing will be held on January 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., at the Alabama Department of Public Health, RSA Tower, Suite 1540, Montgomery, Alabama 36104

#### FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Friday, February 2, 2024

#### CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

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### ALABAMA LICENSURE BOARD FOR INTERPRETERS AND TRANSLITERATORS

#### NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME:

Alabama Licensure Board for Interpreters and

Transliterators

RULE NO. & TITLE: 488-X-1-.07 Initial License

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

#### SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Amend 488-X-1-.07(2) (c) to remove language regarding college diploma and transcripts.

#### TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024. Comments are to be directed to Keith Warren, Executive Director,

2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, AL 36106 or by email at keith@alstateboard.com.

#### FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Friday, February 2, 2024

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

## SUBJECT: <u>AMENDMENT TO THE ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL</u> ASSISTANCE

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend its State Plan for Medical Assistance through a State Plan Amendment. This amendment will update the physician services benefit to remove references to Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers along with clarifying that each limit can be exceeded based upon medical necessity. The Agency does not anticipate a change in expenditures due to this amendment.

A copy of the proposed changes will be made available upon request for public review at each county office of the Department of Human Resources and the State Office of the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

Written comments concerning these changes are welcome and should be mailed to Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, P. O. Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. All written comments will be available for review by the public during normal business hours at the above address.

tephanie McGee Azar Commissioner

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## SUBJECT: <u>AMENDMENT TO THE ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL</u> ASSISTANCE

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend its State Plan for Medical Assistance through a State Plan Amendment. The Agency does not anticipate a change in expenditures due to this amendment. The purpose of this change is to provide assurance that the State is in compliance with Section 202 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2022 as requested by the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

A copy of the proposed changes will be made available upon request for public review at each county office of the Department of Human Resources and the State Office of the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

Written comments concerning these changes are welcome and should be mailed to Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, P. O. Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. All written comments will be available for review by the public during normal business hours at the above address.

tephanie McGee Azar Commissioner

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#### ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SALES, USE & BUSINESS TAX DIVISION

#### NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Revenue

RULE NO. & TITLE: 810-6-5-.36 Prepaid Wireless 9-1-1 Charge

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

#### SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

This rule is being amended to update the rate of the prepaid wireless 911 charge, pursuant to a rate change by the 911 Board. The new rate is effective 1/1/2024. Please see the attached notice provided by the 911 Board indicating the rate change.

#### TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

A public hearing will be conducted at 1:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 via web-conference. To participate in the upcoming web-conference public hearing please contact the Tax Policy and Governmental Affairs Division at Taxpolicy@revenue.alabama.gov or 334-242-1380 to obtain the appropriate sign-in information for a specific public hearing date. Copies of the rule(s) can be obtained at http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/tax-policy/.

All interested parties may present their views in writing to the Secretary of the Alabama Department of Revenue, Room 4131, Gordon Persons Building, 50 N Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36132 at any time following publication of the notice up until the conclusion of the hearing. Interested parties may also may present their views during the web-conference.

#### FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

#### CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

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#### **EMERGENCY RULES**

Emergency adoption of new rules, amendment of existing rules, repeal of existing rules, and adoption by reference, shall become effective immediately, unless otherwise stated therein, upon the filing of the rule with Legislative Services Agency. Emergency rules may be effective for a period of not longer than 120 days.

#### A. FORESTRY COMMISSION, ALABAMA

**New Rules:** 

390-X-1-.04.01 ER DROUGHT EMERGENCY DECLARATION (REPEAL OF 34-

COUNTY DECLARATION)

390-X-1-.05 ER DROUGHT EMERGENCY DECLARATION (SPECIFIED

COUNTIES)

Date Filed: November 21, 2023

Person to Contact for Copy of Rules: Scott L. Rouse, General Counsel Alabama Forestry Commission P. O. Box 302550 Montgomery, AL 36130-2550 (334) 240-9300

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390-X-1-.05.01 ER DROUGHT EMERGENCY DECLARATION (REPEAL OF 11-

COUNTY DECLARATION)

Date Filed: December 4, 2023

Person to Contact for Copy of Rule: Scott L. Rouse, General Counsel Alabama Forestry Commission P. O. Box 302550 Montgomery, AL 36130-2550 (334) 240-9300 scott.rouse@forestry.alabama.gov

#### **CERTIFIED ADOPTED RULES**

In accordance with <u>Code of Alabama 1975</u>, §41-22-6(c), certified adopted rules become effective 45 days after a notice that the rule has been certified is published in the Alabama Administrative Monthly, except that if a later date is required by statute or specified in the rule, then the later date is the effective date.

#### A. EDUCATION, ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER

**Amended Rule:** 

300-2-1-.10 Distance Education

Date Filed: December 12, 2023

Public Notice appeared in Volume XLI, Issue No. 12 AAM, Dated September 29,

2023.

#### Repealed and Replaced Rule:

300-2-1-.02 Repealed: Review And Approval Or Disapproval Of Proposed

Postsecondary Course Offerings In Alabama By Non-Alabama Institutions Seeking State Authorization → New: Review or Exemption from Review of Proposed Postsecondary Course Offerings in Alabama by Non-Alabama Institutions Seeking State

Authorization

Date Filed: December 12, 2023

Public Notice appeared in Volume XLI, Issue No. 12 AAM, Dated September 29, 2023.

**New Rule:** 

Chapter 300-4-13 (RE)ENGAGE ALABAMA GRANT PROGRAM

Date Filed: December 12, 2023

Public Notice appeared in Volume XLI, Issue No. 12 AAM, Dated September 29,

2023.

#### B. EDUCATION, ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF

**Amended Rules:** 

Chapter 290-3-6 Charter Schools

Date Filed: December 18, 2023

Public Notice appeared in Volume XLI, Issue No. 12 AAM, Dated September 29,

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290-4-1-.04 Flexibility for Students in Priority Schools

Date Filed: December 18, 2023

Public Notice appeared in Volume XLII, Issue No. 1 AAM, Dated October 31, 2023.

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**Source Categories** 

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335-3-14-.05 Air Permits Authorizing Construction In Or Near Nonattainment

Areas

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#### D. INSURANCE, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF

**Amended Rules:** 

Chapter 482-1-088 Guidelines to Advertisers Regarding the Offering of Free Gifts,

Benefits, Etc.

482-1-128-.06 Rules For Coordination Of Benefits

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#### E. MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION, ALABAMA

**Amended Rule:** 

Chapter 538-X-3 Applications and Licensing Requirements - Generally

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#### F. MEDICAL EXAMINERS, ALABAMA BOARD OF

**Amended Rules:** 

540-X-1-.16 Fees Associated With Collaborative Practices

540-X-7-.15 Registration - Physician Assistant (P.A.)

540-X-7-Appendix- Application For Registration Of Physician Assistant

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540-X-18-.03.01 Application For A Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances

Registration Certificate (QACSC)

540-X-18-.05.01 Renewal Of A Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances

Registration Certificate (QACSC) – Required Disclosures

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#### G. REVENUE, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF

#### **Amended Rules:**

810-5-8-.06 Mandatory Liability Insurance Registration Suspension,

Reinstatement, And Revocation Procedures

810-6-3-.77 Exemption For Certain Purchases By Contractors And

Subcontractors In Conjunction With Construction Contracts With Certain Governmental Entities And Statutorily Exempt Entities

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## RULES THAT SIGNIFICANTLY LESSEN COMPETITION UNDER SECTION 41-22-22.1 OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA 1975.

None

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

A withdrawal of Rule <u>364-X-4-.02 Fees</u> by the Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was erroneously generated and printed in the November 2023 AAM due to a technical issue created by the migration of data to the new website. Please disregard this withdrawal. This rule is effective on December 15, 2023.