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Dear Executive Director Gresser:

Maine Revised Statutes Title 5, § 8053-A, sub-§ 5, provides that by February 1st of each year, the Secretary of State shall provide the Executive Director of the Legislative Council with lists, by agency, of all rules adopted by each agency in the previous calendar year. I am pleased to present the report for 2024.

The list must include, for each rule adopted, the following information:

- A) The statutory authority for the rule and the rule chapter number and title;
- B) The principal reason or purpose for the rule;
- C) A written statement explaining the factual and policy basis for each rule;
- D) Whether the rule was routine technical or major substantive;
- E) If the rule was adopted as an emergency; and
- F) The fiscal impact of the rule.

In 2024, there were a combined 299 routine technical rule adoption and major substantive rule filings, 44 more than in 2023.

Following is a list of the State of Maine agencies that shows the number of adopted and finally adopted rule filings each agency made in 2024; the number of those filings that related to routine technical or major substantive rules; and the number of those respective filings that were made on either an emergency or non-emergency basis:

Umbrella number	Agency	Total Adopt, Final Adopt	Routine Technical	Major Substantive	Emergency	Non-Emergency
01	Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry	39	37	2	12	27
02	Department of Professional and Financial Regulation	67	67	0	0	67
03	Department of Corrections	4	4	0	0	4
05	Department of Education	7	4	3	0	7
06	Department of Environmental Protection	12	9	3	1	11
09	Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	10	10	0	0	10
10, 14	Department of Health and Human Services	54	53	1	5	48
12	Department of Labor	10	9	1	0	10
13	Department of Marine Resources	18	18	0	5	13
15	Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management	2	2	0	0	2
16	Department of Public Safety	15	15	0	0	15
17	Department of Transportation	2	2	0	0	2
18	Department of Administrative and Financial Services	19	16	3	0	19
19	Department of Economic and Community Development	1	1	0	0	1
29	Secretary of State	2	2	0	0	2
65	Public Utilities Commission	7	7	0	0	7
90-590	Maine Health Data Organization	3	2	1	0	3
94-089	Maine Historic Preservation Committee	2	2	0	0	2
94-270	Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices	3	3	0	0	3
94-391	State Board of Property Tax Review	1	1	0	0	1
94-411	Maine Public Employees Retirement System	4	4	0	0	4
94-457	Finance Authority of Maine	3	3	0	0	3
94-649	Maine Commission on Public Defense Services (formerly Commission on Indigent Legal Services)	8	8	0	1	7
95-592	Small Enterprise Growth Board	1	1	0	0	1
95-648	Efficiency Maine Trust	1	1	0	0	1
99-346	Maine State Housing Authority	4	4	0	0	4
	Totals for 2024	299	285	14	24	275

In addition to the above information, attached to this letter please find reports, arranged by agency, that provide more detail about each adopted and finally adopted rule. The information included in the reports includes text excerpted in whole or part from rulemaking proposal- and adoption-related documents filed with the rules with the Secretary of State. If there is a rule about which you would like more information, my office would be happy to provide that to you.

Also attached to this letter is a table, arranged by agency, that lists the rules adopted and finally adopted by each agency during calendar 2024.

If you have any questions regarding the *Administrative Procedure Act*, please contact me at 626-8400 or Julie Flynn, Deputy Secretary of State, at the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions at 624-7736.

Sincerely,



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