

**Annual List of Rulemaking Activity**  
**Rules Adopted January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018**  
*Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A, sub-§5*

**Agency name:** **Board of Licensure of Water System Operators** (*affiliated with the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention*)

**Umbrella-Unit:** **90-429**

**Statutory authority:** 22 MRS ch. 601 §2628

**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 1**, Water System Operators Licensing Rule

**Filing number:** **2018-080**

**Effective date:** 7/1/2018

**Type of rule:** Routine Technical

**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

This amendment eliminates the requirement for applications to be notarized before submission, establishes a process for assessing operator penalties for specific offenses, and eliminates the "grace period" for license renewal.

**Basis statement:**

These changes eliminate the requirement for applications to be notarized before submission, establish a mechanism for the Board to address rule violations that do not rise to the level of license suspension or revocation, and eliminate the 60-day "grace period" for license renewal.

Eliminating the requirement to notarize applications helps reduce the administrative burden on applicants. The removal of the requirement for notarization will result in creating a cost savings for licensees.

A process to address rule violations is necessary to ensure compliance with the rule in a manner that is less punitive than license suspension or revocation. Revised enforcement measures should improve compliance with the rule by establishing clear factors in the Board's decisions for licensure.

Elimination of the 60-day "grace period" for license renewal is necessary to bring the rule into compliance with the statutory requirement that all licenses expire on December 31 (see 22 MRS §2625-A).

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

No fiscal impact is expected for the Department or municipalities.