

Annual List of Rulemaking Activity
Rules Adopted January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020
Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A sub-§5

Agency name: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation,
Manufactured Housing Board

Umbrella-Unit: **02-385**

Statutory authority: 10 MRS §9005-A

Chapter number/title: **Ch. 350**, Licensing - Scope of Practice, Obligations of Licensees,
Prohibited Practices

Filing number: **2020-176**

Effective date: 8/9/2020

Type of rule: Routine Technical

Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

The Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee this session considered LD 875. The committee voted ought not to pass but want to ensure that buyers of manufactured homes receive appropriate notice of their rights and responsibilities in accordance with state law. In order to ensure uniformity in disclosures, the committee requested that the Manufactured Housing Board amend its rules to require the dealer of a manufactured home disclose in writing to the buyer the following: (1) a description of the terms and conditions of the warranty on housing, as described in 10 MRS §1404, and (2) a description of the role of the Manufactured Housing Board and a contact number of the board. The committee also requests that the Manufactured Housing Board amend its rules to require that the installer of a manufactured home discloses in writing to the buyer a description of the terms and condition of the installation warranty.

Basis statement:

This rule is in response to LD 875. LD 875 was voted out of committee “ought not to pass”, but the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee wanted to ensure that buyers of manufactured homes receive appropriate notice of their rights and responsibilities in accordance with state law. The rule requires disclosure forms for the installation and statutory warranty laws.

Fiscal impact of rule:

None.