

Annual List of Rulemaking Activity
Rules Adopted January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A sub-§5

Agency name: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation,
Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation
Plumbers' Examining Board

Umbrella-Unit: **02-395**

Statutory authority: 32 MRS §§ 3403-A, 3403-B(1), 3302

Chapter number/title: **Ch. 4**, Installation Standards

Filing number: **2022-022**

Effective date: 2/23/2022

Type of rule: Routine Technical

Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

The rulemaking amends the recently adopted ch. 4, *Installation Standards*, which establishes installation rules and incorporates by reference into board rule the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials *Uniform Plumbing Code* ("UPC"), Copyright © 2020 29th edition, Third Printing, May 2021, subject to certain amendments and exclusions. The rule makes the following changes to the version of the UPC as adopted by the Board: amend Ch. 501.1, Applicability; exclude Table 501.1(1), Water Heaters; adopt Table 501.1(2), First Hour Rating; exclude Ch. 505.1, Water Heaters; exclude Ch. 505.2, Safety Devices; and exclude Ch. 721.0, Location through Ch. 723.1, General.

Go to <https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/plumbers-examining-board> to find the proposed rule and related rulemaking documents.

The Board adopted ch. 4 as a repeal and replace at its August 9, 2021 meeting. The Board voted in favor of an effective date of January 1, 2022.

At its October 4, 2021 meeting, the Board voted to propose rulemaking to modify the adopted rule for clarity and consistency; specifically to avoid adopting standards which may conflict with standards enforced by other agencies and not within the jurisdiction of the Plumbers' Examining Board.

The Board received no comments to the proposed rulemaking and voted to adopt the rule at its December 13, 2021 meeting.

Basis statement:

The Maine Plumbers' Examining Board (the "Board") is charged by the Legislature with the regulation of plumbers in the State of Maine for the sole purpose of protecting the public health and welfare. The Legislature granted the Board rulemaking authority pursuant to 32 MRS §3403-A(1). More specifically, the board is directed pursuant to 32 MRS §3403-B(1) to adopt minimum rules relating to plumbing, including a plumbing code.

Fiscal impact of rule:

None anticipated.