



## Economic Affairs Interim Committee

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**TO: Economic Affairs Interim Committee members**  
**FROM: Bart Campbell, EAIC staff attorney**  
**RE: February - April Rule Review**

#### Dept. of Agriculture

- Adopting six rules pertaining to nursery stock to reduce risk of invasive pests associated with the movement of nursery stock into Montana.
- Amending one rule to clarify what is or is not a commodity warehouse and subject to licensing.

#### Dept. of Commerce

- Amending one rule to update guidelines to conform with the federal community development block grant program.

#### Dept. of Labor and Industry

- Amending one rule and repealing one rule to conform with statutory language adopted by the 2011 Legislature establishing criteria to determine employee misconduct with respect to unemployment insurance.
- Adopting four rules establishing reasonable and standardized application procedures for contractor registration to ensure smooth workflow of the contractor registration unit.

#### Alternative Health Care Board

- Amending several rules pertaining to midwives' inactive status, and midwives' and naturopathic physicians' continuing education requirements.

#### Board of Funeral Service

- Increasing fees as over the last several years the board has experienced an increase in expenses in excess of revenue generated by the fees.

#### Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers

- Increasing fees in response to SB 132 of the 2011 session that provided that audiologists

can sell hearing aids without a hearing aid dispenser license resulting in approximately 30 fewer hearing aid dispenser licenses being issued each year.

### **Board of Psychologists**

- Amending several rules and adopting one rule to establish criteria for temporary permits to enable license applicants to practice under supervision while obtaining the required work samples for their oral examination.

### **Board of Public Accountants**

- General revision of rules pertaining to education requirements, out-of-state applicants, retired status, reinstatement, and continuing education as part of a periodic review. Changes are technical in nature, replacing out-of-date terminology, clarifying language, and removing redundancies and providing consistency.

### **Board of Realty Regulation**

- General revision following in-depth biennial review by the board and a volunteer task force. Revisions are technical, replacing out-of-date terminology, removing inconsistencies and redundancies, and providing consistency, simplicity, and better organization.