

(1) Review the public health impact assessment, including any relevant information submitted by an entity responsible for a qualified project as part of its initial application or Viability or Viability/Commitment Package; and

(2) Make an initial determination as to the sufficiency of the information provided in the public health impact statement.

B. If the Department determines that the information submitted does not meet the requirements of Regulation .03 of this chapter or is insufficient to make a final determination, it shall promptly:

(1) Notify the entity responsible for the qualified project;

(2) Provide the entity responsible for the qualified project with documentation showing what additional information is requested; and

(3) Set a reasonable deadline for the submission of the requested additional information.

C. If the Department determines that the information submitted meets the requirements of Regulation .03 of this chapter, it shall make a determination as to whether further environmental assessment is necessary as a result of potential health hazards that have been identified.

D. The Department shall require a further environmental assessment if:

(1) The initial environmental assessment indicates health hazards on, or reasonably likely to affect, the project site; or

(2) The qualified project is a renovation project, unless the environmental professional who completed the initial environmental assessment has sufficiently demonstrated via written statement that a further environmental assessment should not be provided.

E. If the Department determines that a further environmental assessment is necessary, it shall:

(1) Promptly notify the entity responsible for the qualified project;

(2) Provide the entity responsible for the qualified project with documentation showing what additional information is requested, which may include specialized studies or reviews of, as applicable, such as:

(a) Asbestos and lead paint samplings and testing;

(b) Site and record reviews of any underground storage tanks and associated supply lines;

(c) Soil sampling and analysis;

(d) Groundwater or aquifer sampling;

(e) Testing for PCB contamination;

(f) In-depth investigation of neighboring properties;

(g) Radon testing; and

(h) Mold testing;

(3) Notify the Maryland Department of the Environment and request that the Department of the Environment provide the entity responsible for the qualified project with specific instructions on how to address or mitigate any health hazards found; and

(4) Set a reasonable deadline for the submission of the requested additional information.

F. Any further environmental assessment, if required by the Department under this chapter, shall meet the requirements described in Standard E1903-11 published by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

G. When the Department determines that an entity responsible for a qualified project has sufficiently addressed or mitigated any health hazards as determined by an environmental assessment performed under this chapter, the Secretary or the Secretary's designee shall certify so in writing.

H. When the Secretary or the Secretary's designee has certified in writing that there are no unmitigated health hazards that could reasonably affect the project or its residents, the public health impact assessment is considered approved and the qualified project may

proceed to underwriting or the density bonus application, as applicable.

JACOB DAY

Secretary of Housing and Community Development

## Title 08

# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Subtitle 02 FISHERIES SERVICE

### 08.02.01 General

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §4-1006.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

#### Notice of Proposed Action

[24-122-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .12 under **COMAR 08.02.01 General**.

#### Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to revise the Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Protection Zones in order to correct two minor mistakes which have resulted in the proper areas not being identified. In the drafting and adoption of the 2023 updates to the Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Protection Zones, two coordinates were misidentified. The Department discovered these errors when creating the maps of these areas. In Worcester County, the wrong longitude was identified near Snug Harbor and Sinepuxent Bay. This resulted in an area that was entirely on land instead of in the water. In Calvert County, the longitude of one of the coordinates near Drum Point was misidentified, leading to areas on shore and in an adjacent creek being covered by an irregular shape. The proposed action corrects a coordinate in both areas. By correcting these two coordinates, the appropriate areas will be protected.

#### Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

#### Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

#### Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

#### Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Submerged Aquatic Vegetation—Housekeeping, Regulatory Staff, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or email to or submit comment to [https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/regulations/changes.aspx#sav\\_housekeeping](https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/regulations/changes.aspx#sav_housekeeping), no fax. Comments will be accepted through December 2, 2024. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

#### .12 Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Protection Zones.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Protection Zones.

(1)—(4) (text unchanged)

(5) Worcester County.

(a) (text unchanged)

(b) All of the waters of Snug Harbor and Sinepuxent Bay enclosed by a line beginning at a point at or near the shore south of Snug Harbor defined by Lat. 38°17.918' N, Long. 75° 07.415' W; then running approximately 67° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°18.007' N, [Long. 75°07.418' W] Long. 75°07.148' W; then running approximately 9° True to a point at or near the shore south of Coffins Point defined by Lat. 38° 18.077' N, Long. 75° 07.134' W; then running southwesterly along the shore to the point of beginning.

(c)—(o) (text unchanged)

(6) (text unchanged)

(7) Calvert County.

(a)—(j) (text unchanged)

(k) All of the waters of Patuxent River enclosed by a line beginning at a point east of Ship Point defined by Lat. 38°19.450' N, Long. 76°26.701' W; then running approximately 176° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.428' N, Long. 76°26.698' W; then running approximately 83° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.478' N, and Long. 76°26.205' W; then running approximately 1° True to a point at or near the southern shore of Drum Point defined by Lat. 38°19.512' N, [Long. 76°27.204' W] Long. 76°26.204' W; then running westerly along the shore to the point of beginning.

(8)—(9) (text unchanged)

JOSH KURTZ  
Secretary of Natural Resources

# Title 10 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## Subtitle 25 MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

### 10.25.10 Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund

Authority: Health-General Article, §§19-103c, 19-130 and 19-207, Annotated Code of Maryland

#### Notice of Proposed Action

[24-145-P]

The Maryland Health Care Commission proposes to amend Regulations .01—.17 and .19 under **COMAR 10.25.10 Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund**. This action was considered at an open meeting held by the Commission on September 19, 2024.

#### Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to conform the regulations with the statutory changes from Senate Bill 1092/House Bill 1439 from the 2024 legislative session. These changes update the funding sources of the Trauma Physician Services Fund, expand the application of the fund to include “health care practitioners”, increase and add grant application funds to pediatric trauma centers, and expand auditing capabilities to include grant applications.

#### Estimate of Economic Impact

**I. Summary of Economic Impact.** The proposed action increases the contribution from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Registration fee and adds a contribution from monetary penalties paid for driving while intoxicated beginning July 1, 2024. The estimated fiscal impact would add a revenue of about \$19,000,000 in FY2025.

### II. Types of Economic Impact.

Impacted Entity	Revenue (R+/R-)		Expenditure (E+/E-)		Magnitude
<b>A. On issuing agency:</b>					
(1) Maryland Health Care Commission	Health	Care (R+)			Indeterminate
(2) Maryland Health Care Commission	Health	Care (E-)			Indeterminate
<b>B. On other State agencies:</b> NONE					
<b>C. On local governments:</b> NONE					
Benefit (+) Cost (-)					
<b>D. On regulated industries or trade groups:</b>					
Hospitals			(+)		Indeterminate
<b>E. On other industries or trade groups:</b> NONE					
<b>F. Direct and indirect effects on public:</b> NONE					

### III. Assumptions. (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)

A(1). The increased amount of \$19,000,000 is assumed for dates beginning on July 1, 2024, when the Maryland Motor Vehicle Registration fees will increase biannually from \$5.00 to \$13.00. This will increase the revenue from approximately \$12M a year to \$31.2M a year.

A(2). The increased amount of \$19,000,000 is assumed based on additional funds being contributed from 20% of the monetary penalties that are collected for driving while under the influence. We do not currently have an estimation on how much this will be due to the varying nature of those penalties.

D. For Trauma Centers in Maryland that are eligible for reimbursement from the fund, the amended regulations increase the rate for the on-call expenses on Medicaid Economic Index (MEI) from 30% up to 60%. This will increase the amount a hospital can be reimbursed from the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund. The amended regulations allow eligible Trauma Centers to now claim uncompensated care costs for health care practitioners. This will also increase the amount a hospital can be reimbursed from the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund.

#### Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

#### Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

#### Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Jason Caplan, Chief, Special Projects, Maryland Health Care Commission, 4160 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215, or call 410-764-3579, or email to Jason.caplan3@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through December 2, 2024. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

#### Open Meeting

Final action on the proposal will be considered by the Maryland Health Care Commission during a public meeting to be held on