



## Economic Affairs Interim Committee

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### 63rd Montana Legislature

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**TO: Economic Affairs Interim Committee**

**FROM: Bart Campbell, Staff Attorney**

**RE: July/August Rule Review**

#### Dept. of Administration

Proposes to adopt one rule and amend one rule pertaining to merger application procedures for banks. The changes are intended to address the fact that mergers in the past in Montana were allowed only between affiliated banks but are now allowed in all instances between in-state and out-of-state chartered banks and national banks.

#### State Banking Board

Proposes to adopt seven new rules regarding interim banks also called shell banks. The board has had specific statutory authority (32-1-218) to adopt rules pertaining to interim banks but has not done so in the past due to the small number of mergers. The present economic climate has led to an environment in which banks are merging more frequently and the rules are intended to provide an expedited procedure to create an interim bank to facilitate a merger with an existing institution.

#### Dept. of Agriculture

Proposes to amend rule pertaining to fee assessments under the Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage Act due to passage of SB 144 reducing funding to the department for administration and program costs eliminating the department's ability to continue supplemental support for the forage program as well as federal sequestration cuts.

Proposes to amend three rules, adopt six rules, and repeal four rules pertaining to plant inspection certificate and survey costs, fees and civil penalties in order to increase fees to be commensurate with costs and to create rules pertaining to clean plant and indexing certification plans.

#### Dept. of Livestock

Proposes to amend eight rules clarifying testing, quarantine, and reporting requirements

with respect to the management of trichomoniasis.

**Montana State Auditor**

Proposes to amend three rules pertaining to medicare supplements to reflect changes in the federal regulations adopted in the NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) Medicare Supplement Model Regulation.

Proposes to adopt five new rules pertaining to establishing a specific process for determining patient-centered medical home qualification.