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TO: Economic Affairs Interim Committee

FROM: Bart Campbell, staff attorney RE: Nov. - Jan. Rule Review

Dept. of Commerce

Amending several rules pertaining to applications for Quality Schools Grant Program and pertaining to the Treasure State Endowment Program to provide potential applicants with the necessary guidelines for applying for grants.

Dept. of Labor and Industry

Adopting one rule to implement HB 114 that provided for the recognition of the licensure and registration of out-of-state volunteer professionals when a disaster or emergency is in effect in Montana.

Amending one rule to update various prevailing wage rates as required by 18-2-413 and 18-2-415, MCA.

Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

Generally revising rules to implement HB 94 that revised barber and cosmetology laws regarding instructor training and licensing, replacing out-of-date terminology, eliminating redundancy, providing for simplification, consistency and ease of use of rules.

Board of Real Estate Appraisers

Amending one rule to conform with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

Board of Nursing

General revision of rules to implement HB 25 that related to certain licensing board's medical assistance programs and to implement the National Council of State Boards of Nursing guidelines for alternative and disciplinary monitoring programs; revisions for consistency, simplicity, organization and ease of use.

Board of Pharmacy

Adopting 12 new rules to implement HB 83 that creates a prescription drug registry which requires the board to electronically collect information on prescription drug orders involving controlled substances for review of possible misuse or diversion of controlled substances.

Adopting five new rules in response to law enforcement concerns to harmonize Montana and federal law by clearly setting forth newly synthesized drugs and compiling a current list of controlled substances.

State Auditor

Amending five rules pertaining to valuation of life insurance policies tp conform with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to promote the standard valuation of life insurance policies issued by insurers necessary to determine the liability reserves to be held by life insurers.

Montana State Fund

Amending two rules pertaining to classifications of employment and the construction industry premium credit program.