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General Regulatory Themes::

Children and Families

Please list the Agency or Agencies affiliated with this regulation::

DCF

Describe the regulatory issue

The regulation states that a child under 12 will not be placed in a or observation::

foster/adoptive home with dangerous dogs on the premises.

Suggestions for improvements to the regulation::

All dogs, no matter their bed, should be individually evaluated. Breed specific legislation was banned in Massachusetts, so there should be no reason to discriminate against specific dogs. More children could end up in loving homes if dog owners weren't discriminated against.

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General Regulatory Themes::

Environmental Protection

Please list the Agency or Agencies affiliated with this regulation:: MA Department of Public Health

Describe the regulatory issue or observation::

The current definition of lead poisoning in DPH regulations (105 CMR 460, et seq) is 25 ug/dL. When a child is found to be lead poisoned, the state requires property owners where the child lives to abate the lead hazard. However, significant impacts on health are found at much lower levels of lead exposure, and DPH has not updated their regulations since 2002 to reflect these health impacts. According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, low blood lead levels can affect IQ, academic achievement, and one's ability to pay attention.

Suggestions for improvements to the regulation::

We propose amending the definition of lead poisoning to set the limit at 10 ug/dL or less. According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, experts now use a reference level of 5 ug/dL to identify children with blood lead levels that are higher than most. In the past, they have categorized 10 ug/dL as a "level of concern." We feel that this is the exposure level that should trigger remedial action, keeping in mind that no safe blood lead level in children has been identified.

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General Regulatory Themes::

Licensing and Permitting

Please list the Agency or Agencies affiliated with this regulation:: Department of Public Health

Describe the regulatory issue or observation::

The current version of the Food Code was last updated in 2000, when the 1999 federal Food Code was adopted state-wide. The federal code has been updated every other year since, but the state is mired in the old code and old technology.

Local health departments seeking national accreditation are required to adopt the most recent federal code, costing communities money to train inspectors and food service establishments to the new code. this also sets up a mashed up set of local regulations that businesses seeking multiple locations must navigate.

In addition, restaurants operating in multiple states must change policies and procedures depending on the state they operate in.

Suggestions for improvements to the regulation::

MDPH has constantly been underfunded in this aspect of their work. The Food Protection Program has wanted to update this set of regulations but its work load has exceeded its staff capacity. The Program must be adequately funded to:

- 1. Complete the regulatory review and develop a time line for adoption.
- 2. Develop a training program for local health inspectors to learn and understand the amended regulations.

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105 CMR 410.000

General Regulatory Themes::

Housing

Please list the Agency or Agencies affiliated with this regulation:: Department of Public Health

Describe the regulatory issue or observation::

Chapter II of the State Sanitary Code addresses Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation, and has not received a major revision since before the 1990's. Minor revisions have occurred as other regulations and laws changed, but by and large they have remained the same.

Technology and thought process have changed over the years, as have building and fire codes. The concept of "Tiny Homes" really is illegal in MA because the homes do not meet these minimum standards. Planning Agencies that are looking to develop compact housing for people, homes built into hills, and energy efficient dwellings are causing complications with this code.

Suggestions for improvements to the regulation::

MDPH has constantly been underfunded in this aspect of their work. Community Sanitation requires adequate funding so that staff may conduct a code review. In fact, MDPH had hired a consultant a few years ago to propose a rewrite; it was nearly complete before the project was stopped to move recourses elsewhere.

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General Regulatory Themes::

Building Codes/Accessibility Standards

Please list the Agency or Agencies affiliated with this regulation:: I have submitted a complaint to the AG's office re MassHealth. I have tried to cancel my secondary insurance multiple times. I was told on the phone that it would be. This has happened before and the DOR took \$ out of my refund. Please help! Thank you!

Describe the regulatory issue or observation::

MassHealth Acct #4155121M. Invoice #4666252

I have received repeated bills for a policy I don't want, that I tried to cancel repeatedly even before it started, and if it's not resolved, they will take money out of my state tax refund. I applied for behavioral health coverage ONLY for my daughter, Amdura Yarin 7/25/98. It would have been secondary coverage (she is on our family Blue Cross plan) and turned out to not be needed as she is not living with us. I sent a CERTIFIED letter to MassHealth after receiving several bills and trying to cancel by fax.

Suggestions for improvements to the regulation::

Make it easier for families with children with behavioral issues - MBHP/CBHI - to apply for this coverage, as well as to discontinue it. No one at MassHealth knew what I meant when I said I wanted to apply for this (secondary) coverage. There is no easy way to apply for it, and no clear instructions. Thank you.

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General Regulatory Themes:

Building Codes/Accessibility Standards

Please list the Agency or Agencies affiliated with this regulation::

DPH

Describe the regulatory issue or observation::

Section 12 admissions

Suggestions for improvements to the regulation:: Wife of Arresting police officer (see Richard Krasinskas denial for Worcester police on mass.gov) Kerry Krasinskas RN at Nashoba Valley Health Care Center must disclose her husbands unseatbelted accidents and medical proxy filled out at Ayer Police station March 24th 2013, to Dr. Brian Lisse. Joshua Tello RN pinned my shoulders to the bed for her to remove my blood with an already opened needle while telling me she'd get me locked up longer. Daughter took pictures of my bruised, swollen face and of Kerry's Facebook posts with Detective Kelly Barhight and all who liked the post depicting abuse of patients Dr Lisse refused to speak with my family. Joshua Tello RN told me that I could go back to the emergency waiting room for my head injury as the MD had already released me. Cameras everywhere and daughters GPS in phone would confirm. I will also notify the United Nations of patient abuse as Dr. Lisse and Joshua Tello RN travel to Africa. They have a public corruption policy that will impose a 5 year jail sentence and unlimited fine.

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General Regulatory Themes::

Other

Please list the Agency or Agencies

affiliated with this regulation::

DCF, HHS

Describe the regulatory issue or

observation::

There is a DCF regulation which bans a selection of dog breeds from being in the home of prospective adoptive parents. Remove this language from the rule.

Suggestions for improvements to the regulation::

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General Regulatory Themes::

Children and Families

Please list the Agency or Agencies affiliated with this regulation::

Allow families to submit their dogs for temperament testing of they are in the process of adopting a child instead of outright banning specific breeds.

Describe the regulatory issue or observation::

Suggestions for improvements to the regulation::

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Please list the Agency or Agencies affiliated with this

regulation::

Eliminate the ban of specific dog breeds in relation to DCF adoptions

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Suggestions for improvements to the regulation::

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