

## PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/> . The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members.

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To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

### **VOSHA Review Board Rules of Procedure.**

**Vermont Proposed Rule: 26P018**

**AGENCY:** VOSHA Review Board

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** These rules serve as a guide to the Review Board, its Clerk and Hearing Officers and parties regarding the orderly transaction of its proceedings regarding contested VOSHA Cases. There are two levels of review available to the parties through the Rules of Procedure. The first is through a hearing before a Hearing Officer. The second level is through a discretionary review by the Review Board, should a party (or the Review Board on its own motion) want to appeal the Hearing Officer's decision. There are two types of proceedings offered in the Rules: conventional and simplified. Simplified Proceedings offer employers (respondents) a less formal way to contest a citation (no answer needs to be filed, and documents are exchanged freely without the use of discovery, generally). Rules regarding settlement and the parties' option of using Hearing Officers to mediate a settlement are covered in the Rules.

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