

PROPOSED STATE RULES

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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).

14 050 022 Inspection of Motor Vehicles.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 26-E02

AGENCY: Agency of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Department is updating the requirements for annual motor vehicle inspections to remove failure reasons that are not directly related to motor vehicle safety. Items being removed include: all references to on-road testing; tire cuts, snags, or weather cracks; broken power steering belts; loss of shock absorber function; rust on brakes; headlamp aiming; ABS or airbag failure lights; horn, speedometer, and odometer malfunction; cracks or star breaks on windshield; power window malfunction; damaged windshield wiper blades; and modification to exhaust system causing an unreasonable sound level.

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Prohibited Data and Design Practices.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 26P027

AGENCY: Attorney General's Office

CONCISE SUMMARY: This Rule implements 9 V.S.A. § 2449f of Act 63 of 2025, Vermont's Age-Appropriate Design Code Act. It establishes standards for data processing and design practices that apply to covered businesses serving covered minors. The Rule explains which practices are prohibited, defines key terms, provides examples, and helps covered businesses understand how to comply with the law. It is intended to protect covered minors while giving covered businesses clear, flexible guidance for meeting their obligations under Vermont law.

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Age Assurance Privacy.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 26P028

AGENCY: Attorney General's Office

CONCISE SUMMARY: This Rule implements 9 V.S.A. § 2449g of the Vermont Age-Appropriate Design Code Act. It establishes standards for how covered businesses determine whether a user is a covered minor while protecting privacy and minimizing unnecessary collection and use of personal data. The Rule provides requirements for selecting and using age assurance methods, protecting age assurance data, ensuring accuracy, providing fallback options and appeals, and documenting compliance. The Rule uses a flexible, technology-neutral approach that requires covered businesses to use the least intrusive age assurance method reasonably available that achieves the level of confidence necessary under the circumstances.

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Birth Center Licensing Rule.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 26P029

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department of Health

CONCISE SUMMARY: This rule sets forth the standards that apply to the licensing of birth centers in Vermont. This rulemaking establishes the process by which a birth center can apply for a license in Vermont.

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