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Explanation of Changes

34-LS0044\I to 34-LS0044\H CSSSSB 54(L&C)

Sections 1-3 *No change.*

Section 4 *New section.*

AS 08.48.055(b). Executive administrator of the board; investigator.

New section adds a salary range for the executive administrator at the request of the division. This aligns with other licensing boards.

Sections 5-26 *Moved down and renumbered.*

Section 27 *Prior version Section 26, amended.*

Relates to Exemption 15. Modifies the Version I drafted language at the request of the AELS Board to specify that the exemption may apply to construction of a conventional onsite wastewater system *if it serves a commercial facility and has a design flow of less than 500 gallons of wastewater a day.*

Section 28 *Prior version Section 26, amended.*

Relates to Exemption 10. The current exemption was modified in Version I to require a professional license for the construction of natural gas pipelines at the request of the AELS Board. At their February 2025 meeting, the AELS Board determined that the language in Version I was too extensive. As a result, our office worked with local utility ENSTAR to draft more specific language that aligns with National Transportation Safety Board guidelines provided to states following a gas pipeline explosion in 2018.

Section 29 *Prior version Section 26, amended.*

Continuing modifications to the exemptions. New section adding two subsections. New subsection (c) allows DEC to adopt regulations limiting the locations in the state in which Exemption 15 applies. New subsection (d) exempts gas line utilities under certain conditions from Exemption 10.

Sections 31-41 *Moved down (starting from prior version Section 27) and renumbered.*

Section 42 *New section.*

Exemption 10 language under Sections 28 and 29 take effect January 1, 2026.

Section 43 *Prior version Section 39, updates referenced section numbers.*