

2. Secure Board approval prior to offering any continuing education course[, seminar or program] and prior to representing that any course[, seminar or program] fulfills the requirements of this section;

3. [Notify] **Maintain an updated list of licensed ophthalmic dispensers available from the Board and notify all licensees, no less than 30 days prior to the date a course is offered**, of the time, place, and date of [the] a live course being offered; [and]

4. Monitor the attendance at each approved course, **verify the identity of attendees**, furnish to each enrollee a verification of attendance, and maintain records of attendance for at least six years from the date of the course[.];

5. **Submit to the Board, upon request, records of attendance required pursuant to (l)4 above. Failure to provide the Board with this information shall result in the suspension of a sponsor’s ability to provide further continuing education credits; and**

6. **Require ophthalmic dispensers to pass an examination at the end of a course presented through videotape, audiotape, computer media, or the internet in order to obtain credit for the course.**

[(l)] (m) An ophthalmic dispenser on inactive status who seeks to return to active status shall submit proof to the Board of successful completion of [12] **15** credits of approved continuing education course work, a minimum of three of which shall be in the dispensing of contact lenses, for each biennial period of approved inactive status.

(n) **The Board may direct or order an ophthalmic dispenser to complete continuing the education credit:**

1. **As part of a disciplinary or remedial measure, in addition to the required 15 hours of continuing education; or**

2. **To correct a deficiency in the ophthalmic dispenser’s continuing education requirements.**

(o) **Any continuing education credit hours completed by an ophthalmic dispenser in compliance with an order or directive from the Board as set forth at (n) above shall not be used to satisfy the minimum continuing education requirements as set forth in this section.**

13:33-6.2 Continuing education for dispensing of contact lenses

(a) During each biennial registration period, a licensed ophthalmic dispenser shall complete pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:33-6.1, a continuing education course of at least three [classroom hours] **credits** covering the dispensing of contact lenses. Such course shall include, at a minimum, instruction in the following areas related to contact lenses:

1.-4. (No change.)

(a)

**DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
Uniform Crime Reporting System
Proposed Readoption with Amendments: N.J.A.C.
13:57**

Authorized By: Colonel Patrick Callahan, Office of the Superintendent, Division of State Police, with the approval of Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 52:17B-5.1.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposal Number: PRN 2024-033.

Submit comments by May 31, 2024, to:

Colonel Patrick Callahan, Office of the Superintendent
Attn: Criminal Justice Records Bureau
New Jersey State Police
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West Trenton, New Jersey 08628
or electronically at: UCRregulations@njsp.gov

The agency proposal follows:

Summary

N.J.A.C. 13:57 establishes the reporting requirements for law enforcement agencies within the State and the collection and reporting responsibilities of the Division of State Police (Division) to the Office of the Attorney General. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c, the chapter was scheduled to expire on April 12, 2024. As the notice of proposal was filed on or before that date, the expiration date is extended 180 days to October 9, 2024, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(2). The Division is proposing to readopt the chapter with an amendment at N.J.A.C. 13:57-1.2. The proposed amendment updates the language to include the collection of Incident-Based Reporting. The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is a system used by law enforcement agencies in the United States to collect and report data on crime. NIBRS collects detailed information on each reported crime incident, including the characteristics of the victim, the offender, and the circumstances surrounding the crime. As this data is already being collected, the amendment seeks to refine and update the language for clarity.

N.J.A.C. 13:57-1.1 defines all law enforcement agencies identified in this subsection.

N.J.A.C. 13:57-1.2 states the name of the reports that law enforcement agencies are required to submit.

N.J.A.C. 13:57-1.3 outlines the general reporting requirement exceptions to comply with the general reporting requirements at N.J.A.C. 13:57-1.2.

N.J.A.C. 13:57-1.4 outlines the actions that may be taken if a reporting agency is delinquent in submitting reports in a timely manner.

As the Division is providing a 60-day comment period on this proposal, this notice is excepted from the rulemaking calendar requirement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.

Social Impact

The Division believes that the rules proposed for readoption with an amendment will have a positive social impact. The rules proposed for readoption with an amendment will enable the Division of State Police to maintain and perform its Uniform Crime Reporting data collection functions, as required by statute, more efficiently. Moreover, the rules assist in identifying with greater accuracy the extent, type, and location of criminal activity throughout the State by allowing for the collection of additional unreported data from bi-state agencies and county agencies that may have gone unreported in the past. The rules proposed for readoption with an amendment will, thus, provide for an even better-informed citizenry and criminal justice community.

Economic Impact

The rules proposed for readoption with an amendment will impose no additional economic costs on any agency. The rules proposed for readoption with an amendment will not impose an adverse economic impact upon the public. Administration of the Uniform Crime Reporting System imposes economic costs on both the Division of State Police and all other law enforcement agencies. The Division of State Police must create and distribute the required reports, in addition to assigning personnel to the task of collecting, verifying, and collating crime data. All other law enforcement agencies must assign personnel to the task of gathering crime data and preparing the required reports. However, the rules proposed for readoption with an amendment will impose no additional economic costs on any agency.

Federal Standards Statement

There are no Federal laws or standards applicable to the rules proposed for readoption with an amendment.

Jobs Impact

The rules proposed for readoption with an amendment will not result in the generation or loss of jobs in New Jersey.

Agriculture Industry Impact

The rules proposed for readoption with an amendment will not have an impact on the agriculture industry of the State.

Regulatory Flexibility Statement

A regulatory flexibility analysis is not required because the rules proposed for readoption with an amendment does not impose any reporting, recordkeeping, or other compliance requirements on small

businesses as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et seq. The rules apply only to law enforcement agencies, all of which are public entities.

Housing Affordability Impact Analysis

The rules proposed for readoption with an amendment will have no impact on the affordability of housing in New Jersey and there is an extreme unlikelihood the rules would evoke a change in the average costs associated with housing.

Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis

The rules proposed for readoption with an amendment will have no impact on the achievement of smart growth and there is an extreme unlikelihood that the rulemaking would evoke a change in housing production in Planning Areas 1 or 2, or within designated centers, pursuant to the implementation of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan because the rules proposed for readoption with an amendment concern reporting of crime statistics by law enforcement agencies.

Racial and Ethnic Community Criminal Justice and Public Safety Impact

The Division has evaluated the rulemaking and determined that they will not have an impact on pretrial detention, sentencing, probation, or parole policies concerning adults and juveniles in the State. Accordingly, no further analysis is required.

Full text of the rules proposed for readoption may be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 13:57.

Full text of the proposed amendment follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletion indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

13:57-1.2 Reports to Attorney General (State Police to act as collecting agency); types of forms; by whom; when submitted

(a) A law enforcement agency shall submit reports, [and] Summary Reporting System data, **and National Incident-Based Reporting System data**, electronically to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) in the New Jersey State Police UCR Repository website. If the law enforcement agency does not have access to the New Jersey State Police UCR repository, the agency shall submit this information through an electronic interface from the law enforcement agency's records management system prescribed by the New Jersey State Police UCR Program.

(b)-(k) (No change.)

PUBLIC UTILITIES

(a)

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Office of Cable Television

Proposed Readoption with Amendments: N.J.A.C. 14:17

Proposed New Rule: N.J.A.C. 14:17-6.11

Proposed Repeals: N.J.A.C. 14:17-1.5, 6.16, and 6.17

Authorized By: Lawanda R. Gilbert, Director, Office of Cable Television (with approval of the Board of Public Utilities, Christine Guhl-Sadovy, President; Dr. Zenon Christodoulou, Ph.D., Marian Abdou, and Michael Bange, Commissioners).

Authority: N.J.S.A. 48:5A-10.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

BPU Docket Number: CX23100741.

Proposal Number: PRN 2024-030.

A **virtual public hearing** concerning the notice of proposal will be held on April 23, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. Information about the public hearing can be found on the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' ("BPU" or "Board") website at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/newsroom/public/>. The deadline for electronically submitted comments on this matter is 5:00 P.M. on May 31, 2024; comments submitted by mail or other courier service must be postmarked by May 31, 2024. Please submit comments directly by using the Board's Public Document Search tool, search for the specific docket listed above, and post by utilizing the "Post Comments" button. Written comments may also be submitted. Please include subject matter and docket number and submit to:

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Secretary of the Board
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Ave., 1st Floor
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Attn: BPU Docket Number: CX23100741
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Phone: 609-292-1599

All comments are considered "public documents" for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting it in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth at N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

The agency proposal follows:

Summary

Pursuant to the New Jersey Cable Television Act (Cable Television Act), specifically N.J.S.A. 48:5A-9 and 10, the Director of the Office of Cable Television ("OCTV" or "Office"), with approval of the Board of Public Utilities, is empowered to promulgate rules and procedures necessary to carry out the purposes of the Cable Television Act. N.J.A.C. 14:17 sets forth the procedural rules governing cable television companies. These rules are necessary to ensure orderly regulation of the cable television industry in the State of New Jersey.

By filing this notice of rules proposed for readoption with amendments, repeals, and a new rule with the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law (OAL) prior to March 24, 2024, the expiration date of these rules is extended 180 days to September 20, 2024, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(2). As the Board has provided a 60-day comment period on this notice of proposal, this notice is excepted from the rulemaking calendar requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.1 and 3.2, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.

The Board proposes that N.J.A.C. 14:17 be readopted with amendments, repeals, and a new rule. In developing the rulemaking, the Board conducted stakeholder outreach through public meetings and acceptance of written comments by interested parties.

The following is a section-by-section summary of the rules proposed for readoption and the proposed amendments, repeals, and new rule. If an amendment is proposed for clarity, grammar, or conformance with the OAL's Rules on Agency Rulemaking (N.J.A.C. 1:30), no further discussion is needed; please note these changes are purely technical in nature and do not affect the substance of the chapter.

N.J.A.C. 14:17-1.1 pertains to the scope of the chapter.

N.J.A.C. 14:17-1.2 pertains to construction of, and amendments to, the chapter. The Board proposes to amend paragraph (b)2 to permit a person or entity seeking a waiver of OCTV rules to apply electronically, in addition to, in writing, and to permit such applications to be made to the Board Secretary, in addition to the Director.

N.J.A.C. 14:17-1.3 defines certain words and terms utilized in this chapter and is proposed for amendment to add a definition for "electronically filed."

N.J.A.C. 14:17-1.4 designates the OCTV's official address. An amendment is proposed to reflect the correct mailing address for the Board at newly codified subsection (a) and the Board's official hours, which have been relocated from N.J.A.C. 14:17-1.5, which is proposed for repeal.

N.J.A.C. 14:17-1.5 designates the official hours of the OCTV. This section is proposed for repeal.