

1 (b) Beginning May 1, 2013, and four years thereafter, the head
2 of each agency shall complete a formal review of his or her
3 agencies' rules and file the report with the President of the
4 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Governor and the
5 Legislative Rule-making Review Committee. The report must specify
6 any changes made to the agency's rules as a result of the review
7 and, when appropriate, recommend changes that will promote
8 efficiency, reduce paperwork, or decrease costs to government and
9 the private sector. In the review, each agency must:

10 (1) Identify and correct deficiencies in its rules;

11 (2) Clarify and simplify its rules;

12 (3) Delete obsolete or unnecessary rules;

13 (4) Delete rules that are redundant of statutes;

14 (5) Seek to improve efficiency, reduce paperwork, or decrease
15 costs to government and the private sector;

16 (6) Contact agencies that have concurrent or overlapping
17 jurisdiction to determine whether their rules can be coordinated to
18 promote efficiency, reduce paperwork, or decrease costs to
19 government and the private sector; and

20 (7) Determine whether the rules should be continued without
21 change or should be amended or repealed to reduce the impact on
22 regulated entities.

23 **§29A-3C-2. Public comment review and report; objections.**

1 (a) Public comments on reports may be provided by stating an
2 objection to the information required in section one and
3 identifying the entire rule or any subpart to which the objection
4 relates, and shall be submitted in writing or electronically to the
5 person designated in the report.

6 (b) A comment shall include facts upon which the objection is
7 based, stating the precise information upon which a contrary
8 evaluation of probable impact may be made.

9 © Comments shall be submitted by any interested person no
10 later than June 1, 2013.

11 (d) The agency shall determine whether to sustain an objection
12 based on the information provided with the objection and whether
13 any further review of information available to the agency is
14 necessary to correct its report.

15 (e) No later than twenty days after the date a comment is
16 submitted, the agency shall publish in an amended report its
17 determination of the objection.

18 (f) On or before July 1, 2013, the agency shall deliver to the
19 committee a written certification by the agency head or designee
20 verifying the completion of determinations of all comments under
21 this subsection and of any report amendments.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require all agencies to review their rules, file certain reports, and address objections.

Article 3C is new; therefore, it is completely underlined.