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# Readopt with amendments Ph 200, eff. 2-22-24 (doc. #13882), to read as follows:

CHAPTER Ph 200 RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

# PART Ph 201 APPLICABILITY AND WAIVER OF SUBSTANTIVE RULE

Ph 201.01 <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>. The Plc 200 rules shall govern with regards to all procedures for:

### (a) The receipt and investigation of misconduct complaints;

# (ab) The conduct of Adjudicatory-adjudicative and non-adjudicative proceedings;

{no (b) in certified rules}

- (c) Rulemaking submissions, considerations, petitions and dispositions of rulemaking petitions;
- (d) Public comment hearings;
- (e) Declaratory rulings;
- (f) All statements of policy and interpretation;
- (g.f) Explanation of adopted rules; and
- (hg) Voluntary surrender of licenses; and
- (h) Waivers.

#### Ph 201.02 Waiver of Administrative Rules.

(a) The board shall initiate a waiver of a substantive rule upon its own motion by providing affected parties with notice and opportunity to be heard, and issuing an order which finds that waiver would be necessary to advance the purpose of the rules of the board.

(b) Individuals who wish to request a waiver of a rule shall submit a written request to the board, which includes:

#### (1) The rule for which a waiver is requested;

- (2) The anticipated length of time the requested waiver will be needed;
- (3) The reason for requesting the waiver;
- (4) Evidence of how the waiver will provide for the health and safety of the consumer or licensee;
- (5) A time-limited written compliance plan which sets forth plans to achieve compliance including
- an estimated date of compliance; and
- (6) The signature of the applicant.

(c) The board shall consider the following when determining whether to approve or deny a waiver:

(1) If adherence to the rule would cause the petitioner unnecessary or undue hardship;

(2) If the requested waiver is necessary because of any neglect or misfeasance on the part of the practitioner;

- (3) If enforcement of the rule would injure a third person(s); and
- (4) If waiver of the rule would injure a third person(s).
- (d) The board shall approve a waiver of an administrative rule request only if:

(1) Granting a waiver does not have the effect of waiving or modifying a provision of RSA 310 or RSA 318;

(2) The petitioner shows or has shown good cause exists pursuant to (c) above to waive the rule; and

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(3) The board determines that the individual's plans for compliance with the rule includes an estimated date of compliance and eventual compliance.

(e) If the board, after receiving and reviewing a request for a waiver, requires further information or documentation to grant or deny the waiver, the board shall:

(1) Notify the applicant in writing within 30 days; and

(2) Specify the information or documentation the board requires.

(f) The board shall issue a written approval or denial of the waiver within 60 days of the date the request is received, unless additional information or documentation is required. If additional information and documentation is required, then the board shall issue a written approval or denial within 60 days of receiving the requested information or documentation.

#### **APPENDIX A: STATE STATUTES IMPLEMENTED**

Rule	State Statutes Implemented
Plc 201	RSA 541-A:16, I(b)-(d); RSA 318