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## Permanent Rules Approved for the Division of Employment Security

**RALEIGH** — Guidelines on how the Division of Employment Security applies state and federal laws were recently passed by the North Carolina Rules Review Commission. The North Carolina Rules Review Commission convened on June 16, 2015, for the formal review and consideration of permanent administrative rules of the Division of Employment Security (DES).

“The confirmation of the administrative rules by the Rules Review Commission is an extension of DES’s commitment to comply with state and federal laws and ensure the consistent delivery of services to our customers,” said Department of Commerce Assistant Secretary of Employment Security Dale Folwell. “But for the stewardship of DES rules coordinator Jeremy Ray and other stakeholders, the unanimous approval wouldn’t have been possible.”

DES submitted 127 proposed rules for consideration by the Commission on May 20, 2015. These rules were unanimously approved and will take effect on July 1, 2015. Prior to the adoption by the Rules Review Commission, DES was required to provide documentation to the Office of State Budget and Management of any fiscal impact a rule would have on the agency or its customers. Once this was completed, the proposed rules were published on the North Carolina Register and on the DES website for a public comment period of no less than 60 days. On April 10, 2015, there was a public hearing at DES to receive comments or concerns from the public. Following this period, DES amended some proposed rules for clarity.

The purpose of implementing administrative rules is not to make new laws, but rather to provide a guideline of how the Division applies the laws set by state and federal law. Furthermore, these rules provide a clearer and more comprehensible understanding of the processes of DES for both our individual and business customers.

DES became subject to administrative rule-making in 2012 following the passage of Senate Bill 532. The intent of the legislation was to reform the Employment Security Laws of North Carolina and improve transparency in the State’s administration of the UI program.

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