

## ADOPTIONS SECTION

### HEALTH

#### OFFICE OF POLICY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

#### OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS AND REGISTRY

#### Notice of Readoption

#### Certificate of Domestic Partnership

#### Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:2B

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:8A-1 et seq., particularly 26:8A-12.

Authorized By: Christopher R. Rinn, Acting Commissioner, Department of Health.

Effective Date: January 29, 2018.

New Expiration Date: January 29, 2025.

**Take notice** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 8:2B, Certificate of Domestic Partnership, were scheduled to expire on March 3, 2018.

N.J.A.C. 8:2B implements the Domestic Partnership Act, N.J.S.A. 26:8A-1 et seq., and establishes the procedures for filing affidavits of domestic partnerships, issuing domestic partnership certificates, and maintaining domestic partnership records. Subchapter 1 provides the application and scope of the rules and establishes definitions of terms. Subchapter 2 establishes the process for filing an affidavit of domestic partnership and issuing a certificate of domestic partnership, the fee for filing an affidavit of domestic partnership, and civil penalties. Subchapter 3 sets forth who may receive certified and certification copies of domestic partnerships and affidavits of domestic partnerships, as well as the fees for certified and certification copies. Subchapter 4 establishes the requirement for reporting facts regarding domestic partnerships to the

State Registrar of Vital Statistics, the manner to correct a certificate of domestic partnership, and the means to terminate a domestic partnership.

The Department is developing rulemaking to revise and update existing N.J.A.C. 8:2B, and anticipates filing this rulemaking with the Office of Administrative Law for processing in the ordinary course. However, this rulemaking could not be proposed prior to the expiration of existing N.J.A.C. 8:2B. The Acting Commissioner has reviewed N.J.A.C. 8:2B and determined that, pending the finalization of the anticipated rulemaking described above, the existing chapter remains necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive for the purposes for which it was originally promulgated and should be readopted. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), N.J.A.C. 8:2B is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.