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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** The Honorable Daniel J. McKee, Governor  
The Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House  
The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate

**From:** Michelle Charochak, Director of the Office of Regulatory Reform

**Subject:** Office of Regulatory Reform Quarterly Report: FY 2026 Q1

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## FY 2026 Quarter 1 Report: July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025

### Quarterly Summary Data

#### Total Submissions by Type of Rulemaking

- Regular Rulemaking, Pre-Comment Review: 31
- Regular Rulemaking, Post-Comment Review: 32
- Direct Final Rulemaking: 2
- Emergency Rulemaking: 1

#### Unique Regulations by Type of Action

- Adoption: 4
- Amendment: 27
- Repeal: 3

#### ORR Review Time by Type of Rulemaking

- Regular Rulemaking, Pre-Comment Review: 6.3. days
- Regular Rulemaking, Post-Comment Review: 0.7 days
- Direct Final Rulemaking: 4.5 days
- Emergency Rulemaking: 1.0 days

#### ORR Interventions

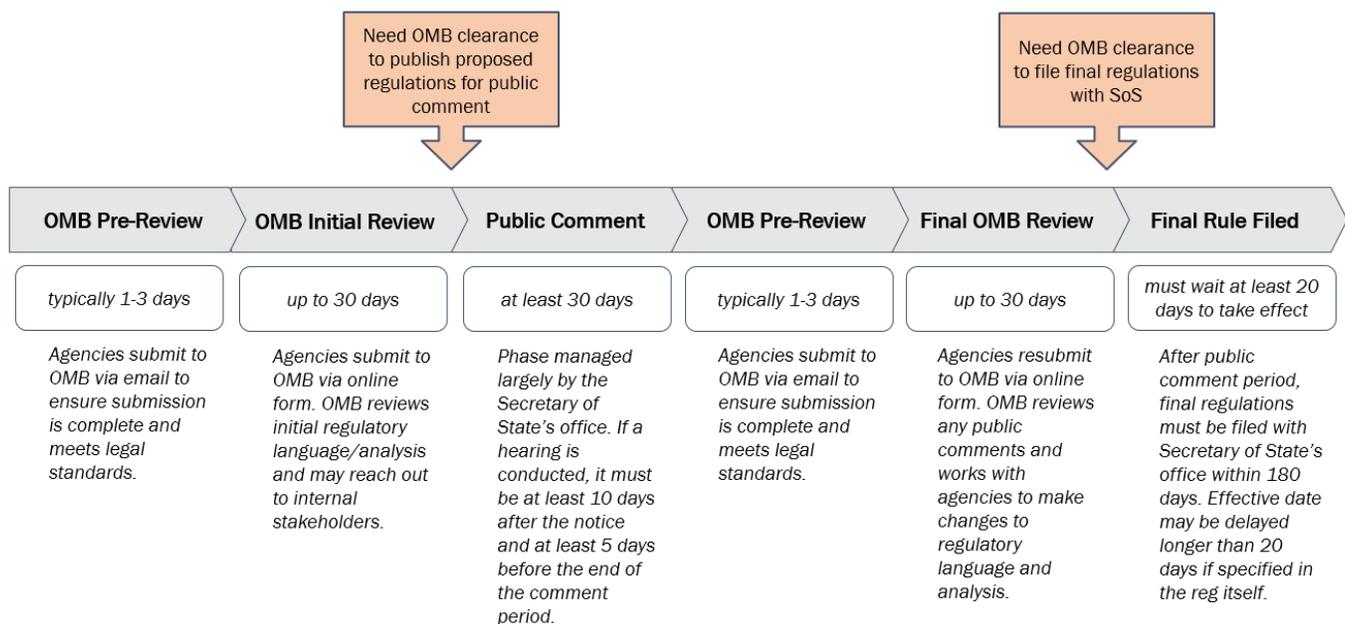
- Submissions where analysis was changed: 37.9%
- Submissions where regulatory language was changed: 24.2%

## Regulatory Oversight

As part of the Office of Management and Budget, the mission of the Office of Regulatory Reform (ORR) is to review new and amended regulations with a focus on minimizing adverse impacts on Rhode Island businesses, large and small. Since February 2015, ORR has been operating under [Executive Order \(EO\) 15-07](#), which requires all executive branch regulations to undergo ORR review using a model similar to the federal regulatory model. EO 15-07 outlines a process to ensure regulations are not imposing unnecessary burdens on businesses and citizens.

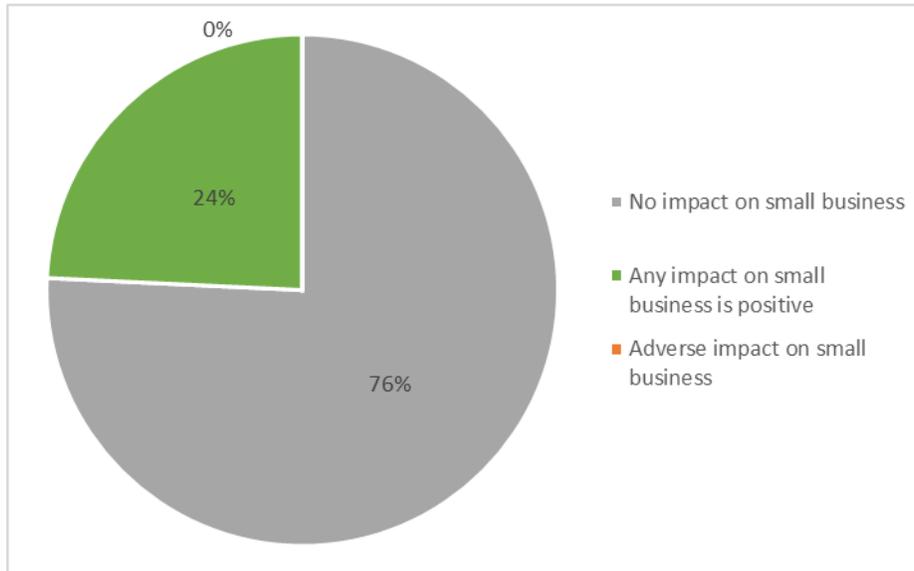
Prior to EO 15-07, the Director of Regulatory Reform had the authority to intervene on any individual regulatory or permitting issue. With the process established by Executive Order, agencies must submit all proposed regulatory actions to ORR, providing a systematic way to address regulatory issues. ORR reviews an agency's regulatory package and, if approved, those proposed rules and impact statements may proceed through a public comment process. Any input from that process goes directly back to ORR for final consideration. Below is an outline of the regulatory review process. While this is the official process outlined in EO 15-07, ORR frequently works with agencies early by reviewing draft regulations and assisting with the regulatory analysis.

## Regular Rulemaking and ORR Review:



### Small Business Impact Analysis

ORR collects data from agencies regarding the projected effect of regulatory amendments and rescissions on small businesses in Rhode Island. The chart below illustrates the estimated aggregate impact of such amendments.



*Note: Emergency and post-comment regulations are not included in this summary chart.*

Agencies consider a number of factors when evaluating a regulation’s impact on small business entities. These include whether the regulation may assist small businesses through actions such as targeted deregulation, adversely impact small businesses relative to their larger counterparts, or result in the absence of discernable effects. Several considerations inform these determinations, including the amount of discretion an agency has to reduce adverse impacts, the universe and diversity of the small businesses affected by the regulation, and exogenous factors impacting the small business’ economic sector. These factors include economic climate, firms’ expectations of future economic conditions (which may or may not align with signals from the broader market), national or global events or supply shocks, or technological advancements that transform businesses’ cost functions.

### Regulatory Submissions Reviewed By ORR

The following regulatory submissions were cleared by ORR during the fiscal year quarter covered by this report. Regulations cleared by ORR are not immediately effective. Regulations must go through the formal rulemaking process administered by the Secretary of State’s Office (SOS). In some cases, regulations cleared by ORR are not filed with SOS.

The information in this table (except “Days Under Review” and “Clearance Date”) is self-reported by regulatory agencies with their submissions, although ORR can suggest changes to agencies’ submissions. In this report, minor, non-substantive revisions of agencies’ regulatory summaries have been made for some of the information presented below for the sake of grammatical correctness, clarity, and brevity.

Review Stage	Agency	Regulation Title	Rulemaking Action	Days Under Review	Reason for Regulatory Action/Change	Clearance Date
Post-Comment Draft	Human Services	Child Care Assistance Program Rules and Regulations	Amendment	1	This update aligns the regulation with the 2024 CCDF Final Rule, which requires states to pay child care providers based on enrollment, not attendance. Additionally, Rhode Island has been out of compliance with the requirement that child care certification periods must be no less than 12 months, as noted in monitoring feedback from 2023. This amendment addresses both compliance issues, removes the restriction limiting CCAP for College eligibility to associate or bachelor's degrees, and updates outdated language.	2025-07-02
Post-Comment Draft	Taxation	Modification of Certain Income of Writers, Composers and Artists	Amendment	1	To make clarifying and organizational updates due to the passage of time.	2025-07-03
Post-Comment Draft	Taxation	Exemption of Sales Tax by Writers, Composers and Artists	Amendment	1	To make clarifying and organizational updates due to the passage of time.	2025-07-03

Review Stage	Agency	Regulation Title	Rulemaking Action	Days Under Review	Reason for Regulatory Action/Change	Clearance Date
Preliminary Draft	Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Medicaid Payments for Sterilization and Hysterectomy Services	Adoption	3	<p>EOHHS is proposing a regulation that describes requirements and limitations pertaining to Medicaid payments for sterilization and hysterectomy services.</p> <p>42 C.F.R. Part 441, Subpart F allows sterilization services to be paid for by Medicaid if a mentally competent individual over the age of 21 years has voluntarily given informed consent for the procedure at least 30 days in advance. The federal regulation allows an individual to provide consent to be sterilized at the time of a premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery if at least 72 hours have passed since they gave informed consent. However, the federal regulation does not define "premature delivery," which has caused uncertainty around compliance for providers. This regulation aims to resolve this issue by defining premature delivery and by codifying all requirements related to Medicaid payment for sterilization services in state regulation.</p> <p>42 C.F.R. Part 441, Subpart F also defines the circumstances under which hysterectomy services will be paid for by Medicaid, including requirements that hysterectomy never be provided for the purpose of sterilization and requirements for patient information about the procedure. This regulation codifies all requirements related to Medicaid payment for hysterectomy services in state regulation.</p>	2025-07-03
Preliminary Draft	Environmental Management	Port Operations Regulations and Berthing Management System	Amendment	6	Proposed regulatory language throughout these sections is intended to achieve clarity through organization, enhance definitions and content to meet current standards, and provide optimal legal resources to protect state assets as well as surrounding small business.	2025-07-03

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Preliminary Draft	Coastal Resources Management Council	Management Procedures	Amendment	7	R.I. General Law § 46-23-2 Coastal Resources Management Council created – Appointment of Members and R.I. General Law § 46-23–4 Officers of the Council- Quorum and Vote Required for Action was recently amended by the General Assembly in 2025 (see Senate Bill 0998 Substitute A and House Bill 6126 Substitute A). The amendments reduce the number of Coastal Resources Management Council members from ten (10) to seven (7). The amendment at 46-23-4 also reduces the number of members required for a quorum from six (6) to four (4). The General Assembly requires the CRMC to initiate rulemaking within 30 business days of the date of passage. To implement this legislation, Section 1.2(B) Meetings and Members of the Management Procedures (650-RICR-10-00-1) is proposed to be amended to reduce the quorum requirements of the Council from six (6) members to four (4) members pursuant to § 46-23-4.	2025-07-08
					R.I. General Law § 46-23-18.5 – Fees for Disposal; was recently amended per The Governor’s Budget Amendment #22 and Article 2 of the FY 2026 Appropriations Act (25-H-5076). The amendment to this statute re-established the minimum fee for disposal of dredge material in the State’s Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) Cells from \$11.65 per cubic yard to \$35.00 per cubic yard. Per the amendment, the Council shall maintain its three-tiered fee structure while increasing all three of the CAD Cell disposal fees commensurately.	
Preliminary Draft	Environmental Management	Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Coating Operations	Amendment	6	Part 19 is being amended to add definitions for clarification and to make corrections to definitions that were unintentionally overlooked during the amendments to the rule in 2019.	2025-07-09

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Preliminary Draft	Business Regulation	Minimum Requirements for Departmental Approval of Volatile Solvent-Based Hydrocarbon Extraction Operations	Repeal	3	Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-10.1(g)(1), upon final issuance of the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission's ("CCC") rules and regulations, all powers, duties and responsibilities of the Department of Business Regulation ("DBR") and the Office of Cannabis Regulation ("OCR") with respect to regulation, administration and enforcement of The Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-1 et seq. and the Rhode Island Cannabis Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-1 et seq. (the "Acts") were transferred to the CCC. The CCC's rules and regulations, RICR Title 560 Chapter 10, became final and effective on May 1, 2025. The powers, duties and responsibilities with respect to regulation, administration and enforcement of the Acts have transferred to the CCC. Accordingly, the Department is proposing to repeal this regulation because the Acts are no longer under the jurisdiction of the Department.	2025-07-10
Preliminary Draft	Business Regulation	Disclosure Requirements Regarding Public Company Interest Holders in Marijuana Establishment Licensees	Repeal	3	Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-10.1(g)(1), upon final issuance of the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission's ("CCC") rules and regulations, all powers, duties and responsibilities of the Department of Business Regulation ("DBR") and the Office of Cannabis Regulation ("OCR") with respect to regulation, administration and enforcement of The Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-1 et seq. and the Rhode Island Cannabis Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-1 et seq. (the "Acts") were transferred to the CCC. The CCC's rules and regulations, RICR Title 560 Chapter 10, became final and effective on May 1, 2025. The powers, duties and responsibilities with respect to regulation, administration and enforcement of the Acts have transferred to the CCC. Accordingly, the Department is proposing to repeal this regulation because the Acts are no longer under the jurisdiction of the Department.	2025-07-10

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Preliminary Draft	Business Regulation	Rules and Regulations Related to the Medical Marijuana Program Administered by the Office of Cannabis Regulation at the Department of Business Regulation	Repeal	3	Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-10.1(g)(1), upon final issuance of the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission's ("CCC") rules and regulations, all powers, duties and responsibilities of the Department of Business Regulation ("DBR") and the Office of Cannabis Regulation ("OCR") with respect to regulation, administration and enforcement of The Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-1 et seq. and the Rhode Island Cannabis Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-1 et seq. (the "Acts") were transferred to the CCC. The CCC's rules and regulations, RICR Title 560 Chapter 10, became final and effective on May 1, 2025. The powers, duties and responsibilities with respect to regulation, administration and enforcement of the Acts have transferred to the CCC. Accordingly, the Department is proposing to repeal this regulation because the Acts are no longer under the jurisdiction of the Department.	2025-07-10
Preliminary Draft	Quonset Development Corporation	Principles and Policies of the Quonset Development Corporation for the Procurement of Supplies and Services	Amendment	3	The proposed amendments seek to modernize and update the Quonset Development Corporation's purchasing and procurement regulations to create efficiency and ease of use.	2025-07-11
Preliminary Draft	Environmental Management	Rules and Regulations for the Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Facilities	Amendment	6	To modernize the regulations to reflect industry-wide changes to incorporate cybersecurity/resiliency to the operations and maintenance at wastewater treatment facilities. Also, to stay consistent with the federal electronic rule.	2025-07-14
Preliminary Draft	Human Rights Commission	Fair Housing	Amendment	17	These amendments are to update the regulation in conformance with changes in state law and to more accurately describe the Commission's interpretation of pre-existing statutory language.	2025-07-14
Preliminary Draft	Human Rights Commission	Procedure	Amendment	17	These amendments are to update the regulation in conformance with changes in state law and to align the regulation with current practices and procedures.	2025-07-14

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Emergency	Cannabis Control Commission	Rhode Island Industrial Hemp Program	Adoption	1	<p>The Hemp Growth Act, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 2-26, was amended by H5076, effective July 1, 2025, thereby transitioning full regulatory authority over the state's hemp program from the Department of Business Regulation ("DBR") to the Commission. As a result of this enactment, which did not contain any transitional period, the DBR regulations governing the Industrial Hemp Program, 230-RICR-80-10-1, are rendered unenforceable by DBR and the Commission must immediately promulgate its own regulations to ensure a regulatory framework for existing licensees and the safety of the public.</p> <p>In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.10, entitled "Emergency rule", the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission ("Commission") hereby finds that imminent peril to public health and safety requires the immediate promulgation of an emergency rule governing the Rhode Island Industrial Hemp Program.</p> <p>The Commission hereby proposes to promulgate the existing DBR regulations under the Commission's regulatory title, with only minimal changes to effectuate this transition of authority. This emergency rule will allow the Commission to transition the existing hemp program—which, among other things, oversees the sale of intoxicating hemp products—to the Commission's jurisdiction, maintain continuity for existing licensees and consumers, ensure there exists no lapse in enforcement, mitigate public safety concerns and ensure the maintenance of public health.</p>	2025-07-15
Post-Comment Draft	Labor and Training	Payment of Wages, Employer Exemptions from Weekly Pay, and Exemptions for Work on Holidays and Sundays	Amendment	0	<p>This amendment removes Section 2.6.2 entitled "Petition for Exemption" concerning premium pay exemptions for work on holidays and Sundays, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 25-3-7, which no longer allows the Director to grant exemptions after July 6, 2021. It also adds a new definition for "retail business" to Section 2.3 to clarify the application of overtime provisions under R.I. Gen. Laws § 28-12-4.1. The regulation now includes a definition that aligns with related statutory and federal definitions.</p>	2025-07-25
Post-Comment Draft	Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Rite Share Premium Assistance Program	Amendment	1	<p>Language being revised to remove the incorrect FPL threshold for parents and caretakers as the State does not have authority for an income threshold above 133% for this group. Revisions also include technical clean up.</p>	2025-07-25

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Post-Comment Draft	Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Medicaid Managed Care Delivery Options	Amendment	1	Language being revised to remove the incorrect FPL threshold for parents and caretakers as the State does not have authority for an income threshold above 133% for this group.  Language describing the CAC is also being removed as the work of this group will transition to the Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC) required by the Access Final Rule.	2025-07-25
Post-Comment Draft	Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Medicaid Affordable Care Coverage Groups Overview and Eligibility Pathways	Amendment	1	Language being revised to reflect that the correct income threshold for parents and caretakers is 133% FPL not 136%. The State does not have authority for an income threshold above 133% for this group.  Language discussing extended Medicaid is also being revised. There are two options for the provision of extended Medicaid, one 12-month period or two 6-month periods. The Language in regulation states that RI has opted to implement as two six-month periods, but the state has been using one 12-month period.	2025-07-25
Preliminary Draft	Human Rights Commission	Advisory Council	Adoption	2	The Rhode Island Commission wishes to form an advisory council as it is empowered to do by R.I. Gen. Laws § 28-5-13(9). This regulation seeks to establish the function and procedures for such an advisory council.	2025-07-25
Direct Final	Turnpike and Bridge Authority	Rules and Regulations Governing Procurement	Amendment	4	This rule amends RITBA's procurement process by, among other things, increasing the threshold amount for small purchases that require competitive bidding and cross-referencing governing Rhode Island law with respect to applicable threshold dollar amounts. This will reduce administrative burdens and costs to RITBA in situations where the time and costs of procurement for small purchases exceed any potential savings from requiring competitive bidding. The rule also provides additional discretion to RITBA, while remaining compliant with the State Purchases Act (R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-2-1 et seq.), which will streamline the procurement process and reduce administrative costs.	2025-08-05
Post-Comment Draft	Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Long-Term Services and Supports Application and Renewal Process	Amendment	1	Regulations are being revised to reflect the State's use of commercially available data sources.	2025-08-05

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Post-Comment Draft	Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Medicaid Application and Renewal Process	Amendment	1	Regulations are being revised to reflect the State's use of commercially available data sources.	2025-08-05
Post-Comment Draft	Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Medicaid MAGI Financial Eligibility Determinations and Verification	Amendment	1	Regulations are being revised to reflect the State's use of commercially available data sources and to reflect the elimination of the tuition and fees deduction by the IRS.	2025-08-05
Preliminary Draft	Cannabis Control Commission	Rhode Island Industrial Hemp Program	Adoption	5	<p>The Hemp Growth Act, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 2-26, was amended by H5076, effective July 1, 2025, thereby transitioning full regulatory authority over the state's hemp program from the Department of Business Regulation ("DBR") to the Commission. As a result of this enactment, which did not contain any transitional period, the DBR regulations governing the Industrial Hemp Program, 230-RICR-80-10-1, were rendered unenforceable by DBR and the Commission needed to immediately promulgate its own regulations to ensure a regulatory framework for existing licensees and the safety of the public.</p> <p>The Commission promulgated the existing DBR regulations under the Commission's regulatory title as an emergency rule, with only minimal changes to effectuate the transition of authority. The emergency rule allowed the Commission to transition the existing hemp program—which, among other things, oversees the sale of intoxicating hemp products—to the Commission's jurisdiction, maintain continuity for existing licensees and consumers, ensure there exists no lapse in enforcement, mitigate public safety concerns and ensure the maintenance of public health.</p> <p>The Commission now seeks to promulgate the existing emergency rule as a proposed final rule, allowing the current rule to remain in effect beyond the 120-day effective period provided for the emergency rule.</p>	2025-08-05
Preliminary Draft	Environmental Management	Port Operations Regulations and Berthing Management System	Amendment	5	Proposed regulatory language throughout these sections is intended to achieve clarity through organization, enhance definitions and content to meet current standards, and provide optimal legal resources to protect state assets as well as surrounding small business.	2025-08-05

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Preliminary Draft	Human Services	Refugee Assistance Program	Amendment	5	Pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 400.211, the time-eligibility period for refugee cash assistance (RCA) is determined by the Director each year, based on appropriated funds available for the fiscal year. Refugees whose date of eligibility for ORR benefits is on or after May 5, 2025, are subject to the eligibility period as determined pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 400.211.	2025-08-06
Preliminary Draft	Airport Corporation	Procurement Regulation	Amendment	3	This is to align with increased small purchases thresholds under the State Purchases Act which will reduce administrative burden while ensuring reasonable prices.	2025-08-07
Preliminary Draft	Environmental Management	Rules and Regulations for the Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Facilities	Amendment	21	To modernize the regulations to reflect industry-wide changes to incorporate cybersecurity/resiliency to the operations and maintenance at wastewater treatment facilities. Also, to stay consistent with the federal electronic rule.	2025-08-08
Preliminary Draft	Human Services	RI Veterans Cemetery	Amendment	7	The Federal Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently revised its regulations and now allows for reimbursement of the outer burial receptacle (OBR), also known as liners, for burials in a state-run veteran cemetery. This payment is only for full casketed burial liners purchased by the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery (RIVMC). The entity that purchased the OBR must submit a request for payment of the allowance on the VA Form 40-10232. This reimbursement is retroactive to January 5, 2023. Retroactive requests for reimbursement must be made to the VA by December 31, 2025. RIVMC is required by Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) § 30-25-14 to collect a liner fee. RIVMC stopped charging a liner fee for all spouse and dependent burials beginning on 1/1/2025. However, the VA regulation does not allow for reimbursements for cremation liner fees or for liner fees for spouses and dependents of National Guard or Reservists who did not serve until retirement. Therefore, RIVMC will continue to charge those fees after we revise the law.	2025-08-13
Preliminary Draft	Environmental Management	General Equipment Provisions	Amendment	7	Recreational marking of pots: Division proposal to remove reference to R.I. Gen. Laws § 20-4-7 to clarify that the rule also applies to recreational pots (section 6.4(B)(2)).	2025-08-15

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Preliminary Draft	Environmental Management	Lobsters, Crabs, and Other Crustaceans	Amendment	7	Division proposal to provide for the possession of Jonah crab claws consistent with ASMFC Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) (section 5.8(B)(5) and 5.8(C)). Division proposal to clarify that the horseshoe crab biomedical harvest prohibition includes the new and full moons (in addition to the 48 hours before and after the new and full moons, which is currently in rule) (section 5.7(D)(3)(d)). Proposal to prohibit horseshoe crab biomedical harvest in coastal salt ponds and Little Narragansett Bay (section 5.7(D)(3)(f)). Division proposal to eliminate the lobster trap tag transfer application period and provide for the submittal and processing of applications at any time of the year (section 5.5.1(L)(5)(b)(3)).	2025-08-15
Preliminary Draft	Environmental Management	Commercial Marine Fishing Licenses, Landing Permits, and Party and Charter Licenses	Amendment	7	Proposed amendment to the exit:entry ratio for Unlimited Finfish endorsement (section 2.7.4(C)(4)(a)). Division proposal to add due dates for electronic negative reports (section 2.7.8(E)(2)). Division proposal to require reporting compliance prior to the transfer of a new license upon sale of a license holder's vessel and/or gear (section 2.7.4(C)(5)). Delete instances of obsolete licenses "Commercial Fishing License (CFL)" and "Principal Effort License (PEL)" as found in section 2.7.6 "Prioritization in the Issuance of New Licenses" (section 2.7.6). Division proposal to modify rule to clarify restricted finfish species (section 2.7.3(C)(1)). Division proposal to adopt rules for the issuance of a commercial green crab license (section 2.7.3(A)(6) and 2.7.3(F)(15)).	2025-08-15
Post-Comment Draft	Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Medicaid Payments and Providers	Amendment	1	EOHHS has identified a need to enhance provider screening and improve documentation and billing standards to better align with federal and state program integrity requirements. As part of this effort, CHW providers will be designated as high-risk providers for the purposes of enrollment, which will include additional screening measures to protect the health and safety of Medicaid members and promote the appropriate use of Medicaid resources.  These updates are necessary to maintain compliance with federal Medicaid standards and to preserve continued access to federal funding.	2025-08-19

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Minimum Requirements for Departmental Approval of Volatile Solvent-Based Hydrocarbon Extraction Operations	Repeal	0	Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-10.1(g)(1), upon final issuance of the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission's ("CCC") rules and regulations, all powers, duties and responsibilities of the Department of Business Regulation ("DBR") and the Office of Cannabis Regulation ("OCR") with respect to regulation, administration and enforcement of The Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-1 et seq. and the Rhode Island Cannabis Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-1 et seq. (the "Acts") were transferred to the CCC. The CCC's rules and regulations, RICR Title 560 Chapter 10, became final and effective on May 1, 2025. The powers, duties and responsibilities with respect to regulation, administration and enforcement of the Acts have transferred to the CCC. Accordingly, the Department is proposing to repeal this regulation because the Acts are no longer under the jurisdiction of the Department.	2025-08-25
Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Disclosure Requirements Regarding Public Company Interest Holders in Marijuana Establishment Licensees	Repeal	0	Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-10.1(g)(1), upon final issuance of the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission's ("CCC") rules and regulations, all powers, duties and responsibilities of the Department of Business Regulation ("DBR") and the Office of Cannabis Regulation ("OCR") with respect to regulation, administration and enforcement of The Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-1 et seq. and the Rhode Island Cannabis Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-1 et seq. (the "Acts") were transferred to the CCC. The CCC's rules and regulations, RICR Title 560 Chapter 10, became final and effective on May 1, 2025. The powers, duties and responsibilities with respect to regulation, administration and enforcement of the Acts have transferred to the CCC. Accordingly, the Department is proposing to repeal this regulation because the Acts are no longer under the jurisdiction of the Department.	2025-08-25

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Rules and Regulations Related to the Medical Marijuana Program Administered by the Office of Cannabis Regulation at the Department of Business Regulation	Repeal	0	Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-10.1(g)(1), upon final issuance of the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission's ("CCC") rules and regulations, all powers, duties and responsibilities of the Department of Business Regulation ("DBR") and the Office of Cannabis Regulation ("OCR") with respect to regulation, administration and enforcement of The Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-1 et seq. and the Rhode Island Cannabis Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-1 et seq. (the "Acts") were transferred to the CCC. The CCC's rules and regulations, RICR Title 560 Chapter 10, became final and effective on May 1, 2025. The powers, duties and responsibilities with respect to regulation, administration and enforcement of the Acts have transferred to the CCC. Accordingly, the Department is proposing to repeal this regulation because the Acts are no longer under the jurisdiction of the Department.	2025-08-25
Preliminary Draft	Environmental Management	Water Quality Regulations	Amendment	7	RIDEM is proposing to amend existing state Water Quality Regulations to adopt site specific metals criteria for specified segments as allowed in current regulation, clarify turbidity criteria, adopt EPA-recommended human health toxics criteria, change selected segment classifications to reflect already completed permit terminations, include Wild and Scenic Rivers as Special Resource Protection Waters (SRPWs) as already defined in the regulation, adopt two (2) new estuarine segments without changes to applicable criteria to better reflect current shellfish management, non-substantive typographical errors, and remove incorporated references by adopting the language into regulatory text.	2025-08-25
Direct Final	Environmental Management	Rules and Regulations for Underground Storage Facilities Used for Regulated Substances and Hazardous Materials	Amendment	5	DEM has not historically offered lower deductible amounts for the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Financial Responsibility Act (UST Fund). DEM proposes to remove regulatory language that may exclude certain underground storage tanks (USTs) from potentially qualifying for lower deductible amounts in the future. The current language excludes USTs from being eligible for a lower deductible amount due to compliance-related issues. However, this wording does not consider that USTs may have different owners over time. It is the owners who are responsible for the deductible if they need to access the UST Fund. This policy change would permit DEM to propose eligibility requirements for certain lower deductible amounts – without excluding owners who may be impacted by previous owners' compliance issues.	2025-08-28

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	State Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Structures	Amendment	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) is proposing amendments to Regulation 510-RICR-00-00-20, the State Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Structures (Part 20). Concurrent with updating amendments to Parts 1-20 of the Rhode Island Building Code, BCSC is adopting as new Part 7 the International Code Council (ICC) International Existing Building Code (IEBC) which Part 7 will be cited as Regulation 510-RICR-00-00-7 and titled "Existing Building Code". Part 7 will govern repairs, renovations, modifications, additions, etc. of 4+ family and commercial structures. This adoption of Part 7 will eliminate the need for duplicative building elements provisions in Part 20.</p> <p>Additionally, the proposed regulation amendment includes edits for clarity and internal consistency of formatting and style.</p>	2025-09-05
Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Rhode Island Fuel Gas Code	Amendment	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) is proposing amendments to the Rhode Island Fuel Gas Code. The current version of this Code adopted the International Code Council's (ICC) International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) 2018 edition. Currently, these amendments reflect the BCSC's proposed adoption of the 2021 edition of the IFGC. The state-specific amendments to the IFGC 2021 model code are for consistency with the other building code regulations in RICR Title 510 and the Fire Safety Codes in RICR Title 450, compliance with RI statutes, and ensure that the model codes align with the needs of this state.</p> <p>Additionally, all building code regulations being amended in this cycle have been edited for clarity and internal consistency of formatting and style, and to be easily read with the other building code regulations and the model codes that these regulations adopt. Formatting changes include listing every model code chapter and stating whether each chapter is adopted, adopted with changes, or deleted; leading all changes with the model code section number for quick reference; and focusing on model code numbering to simplify citation and avoid confusion.</p>	2025-09-05

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Use of Native Lumber	Amendment	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) adopts the various components of the Rhode Island Building Code by adopting national model codes. As part of the process to update 510-RICR-00-00-1, the State Building Code, and adopt the 2021 International Building Code, the BCSC reviewed its state-specific amendments to Chapter 23: Wood. The BCSC has decided to remove the native lumber state amendments in the Building Code, 510-RICR-00-00-1, and relocate them in this regulation which sets the requirements for the Use of Native Lumber in Rhode Island.</p> <p>This regulation was originally adopted to provide standards for the use of native lumber in this state. It is not utilized very often and only a few mills are registered. However, this regulation provides a means for homeowners/builders to utilize native lumber in certain situations in compliance with this regulation.</p> <p>This amendment will be promulgated simultaneously with the amendments to 510-RICR-00-00-1 so there is no gap in the law. The amendments to 510-RICR-00-00-1 include deleting the native lumber language in Chapter 23 and replacing that with a new cross reference to this regulation.</p> <p>This regulation has not been updated since the BCSC has been incorporated into DBR. In addition to adding content to this regulation from Part 1, the regulation is being updated to conform with the RICR structure for regulations by clarifying the authority section, adding definitions, and removing forms. All RI General Laws citations and building code citations were reviewed and updated if necessary. Additionally, administrative references to the BCSC have been replaced by the State Building Office which staffs the BCSC. The BCSC retains the decision-making authority, but the amendments clarify that all applications and inspections are handled by the SBO staff on the BCSC's behalf. However, there are no substantive changes to the requirements for the use of Native Lumber in RI or any changes to the registration requirements.</p>	2025-09-05

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Rhode Island Swimming Pool and Spa Code	Amendment	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) is proposing amendments to the Rhode Island Swimming Pool and Spa Code. The current version of this Code adopted the International Code Council's (ICC) International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) 2018 edition. Currently, these amendments reflect the BCSC's proposed adoption of the 2021 edition of the ISPSC. The state-specific amendments to the ISPSC 2021 model code are for consistency with the other building code regulations in RICR Title 510 and the Fire Safety Codes in RICR Title 450, compliance with RI statutes, and ensure that the model codes align with the needs of this state.</p> <p>Additionally, all building code regulations being amended in this cycle have been edited for clarity and internal consistency of formatting and style, and to be easily read with the other building code regulations and the model codes that these regulations adopt. Formatting changes include listing every model code chapter and stating whether each chapter is adopted, adopted with changes, or deleted; leading all the changes with the model code section number for quick reference; and focusing on model code numbering to simplify citation and avoid confusion.</p>	2025-09-05

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Certification of Building Code Officials and Inspectors	Amendment	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) is proposing amendments to the Rhode Island Building Code, which is the primary building code that applies to all buildings that are not one or two-family residences. The current version of this regulation adopted the International Code Council's (ICC) International Building Code (IBC), 2018 version, with RI-specific amendments. Currently, the BCSC has proposed adopting the 2021 version of the IBC. The proposed amendments to the IBC 2021 model code are for consistency with the other building code regulations in Title 510 and the Fire Safety Codes in Title 450, compliance with RI statutes, and ensure that the model codes align with the needs of this state.</p> <p>Additionally, all the building code regulations simultaneously being amended have been edited for clarity and internal consistency of formatting and style, and to be easily read with the other building code regulations and the model codes that these regulations adopt. Formatting changes include listing every model code chapter and stating whether each chapter is adopted, adopted with changes, or deleted; leading all changes with the model code section number for quick reference; and focusing on model code numbering to simplify citation and avoid confusion.</p>	2025-09-05

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Rhode Island Energy Conservation Code	Amendment	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) is proposing amendments to the Rhode Island Energy Conservation Code. The current version of the Property Maintenance Code adopted the International Code Council's (ICC) International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2018 edition. Currently, these amendments reflect the BCSC's proposed adoption of the 2024 edition of the IECC pursuant to a statutory mandate in R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-27.3-100.1.5.4.</p> <p>Notably, § 23-27.3-100.1.5.4(a)(1) states: "The state building code standards committee shall revise the state energy conservation code to comply with this requirement within one year of any update to the International Energy Conservation Code; provided, however, that the 2021 IECC published by the International Code Council shall not be adopted and the 2024 IECC published by the International Code Council shall be adopted within (3) three months of its release."</p> <p>The few state-specific amendments to the IECC 2024 model code are for consistency with the other building code regulations in RICR Title 510 and the Fire Safety Codes in RICR Title 450, compliance with RI statutes, and ensure that the model codes align with the needs of this state.</p> <p>Additionally, all building code regulations being amended in this cycle have been edited for clarity and internal consistency of formatting and style, and to be easily read with the other building code regulations and the model codes that these regulations adopt. Formatting changes include listing every model code chapter and stating whether each chapter is adopted, adopted with changes, or deleted; leading all changes with the model code section number for quick reference; and focusing on model code numbering to simplify citation and avoid confusion.</p>	2025-09-05

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Rhode Island Existing Building Code	Adoption	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) adopts the various components of the Rhode Island Building Code by adopting national model codes. As part of the process to update 510-RICR-00-00-1, the State Building Code, and adopt the 2021 International Building Code, the BCSC reviewed its state-specific amendments to Chapter 23: Wood. The BCSC has decided to delete Chapter 34, which contained RI-specific amendments related to Existing Buildings, and adopt the International Code Council's (ICC) International Existing Building Code (IEBC), 2021 edition, as a new Part 7 in Title 510.</p> <p>Notably, the ICC's International Building Code (IBC), which RI adopts as its building code in 510-RICR-00-00-1, used to contain a Chapter 34 entitled, "Existing Structures." However, ICC Code Development Process for the 2015 code cycle removed Chapter 34 from the IBC and relocated to its own code, the IEBC. Rhode Island is finally catching up to the model and deleting the 48 pages of 510-RICR-00-00-1 which contained RI's existing building code provisions and instead, more efficiently adopting the IEBC.</p> <p>The IEBC applies to the renovation of all buildings and structures not otherwise covered by SBC-2, the one- and two-family residential code. For example: Renovation of an office building would fall under SBC-7, the IEBC; renovation of a single-family house would fall under SBC-2. Additionally, three-family dwellings are prohibited from using the IEBC and are subject to the provisions of SBC-1, the Rhode Island Building Code.</p> <p>This adoption will be promulgated simultaneously with the amendments to 510-RICR-00-00-1 so there is no gap in the law. This regulation was drafted to be consistent with the formatting changes implemented in this year's update of all building codes.</p>	2025-09-05

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Rhode Island Property Maintenance Code	Amendment	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) is proposing amendments to the Rhode Island Property Maintenance Code. The current version of the Property Maintenance Code adopted the International Code Council's (ICC) International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) 2018 edition. Currently, these amendments reflect the BCSC's proposed adoption of the 2021 edition of the IPMC. The state-specific amendments to the IPMC 2021 model code are for consistency with the other building code regulations in RICR Title 510 and the Fire Safety Codes in RICR Title 450, compliance with RI statutes, and ensure that the model codes align with the needs of this state.</p> <p>Additionally, all building code regulations being amended in this cycle have been edited for clarity and internal consistency of formatting and style, and to be easily read with the other building code regulations and the model codes that these regulations adopt. Formatting changes include listing every model code chapter and stating whether each chapter is adopted, adopted with changes, or deleted; leading all changes with the model code section number for quick reference; and focusing on model code numbering to simplify citation and avoid confusion.</p>	2025-09-05

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Rhode Island Electrical Code	Amendment	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) is proposing amendments to the Rhode Island Electrical Code. While most of the other building codes in Title 510 adopt International Code Council model codes, R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-27.3-100.1.5 provides: “All electrical work done in the state shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC). The state building commission shall adopt the latest edition of the NEC, including any amendments to the NEC by the commission.”</p> <p>The current version of the Electrical Code adopted the National Fire Protection Association’s (NFPA) National Electrical Code (NEC) 2020 edition. Currently, these amendments reflect the BCSC’s proposed adoption of the 2023 edition of the NEC. The state-specific amendments to the NEC 2023 model code are for consistency with the other building code regulations in RICR Title 510 and the Fire Safety Codes in RICR Title 450, compliance with RI statutes, and ensure that the model codes align with the needs of this state.</p> <p>Additionally, all building code regulations being amended in this cycle have been edited for clarity and internal consistency of formatting and style, and to be easily read with the other building code regulations and the model codes that these regulations adopt. Formatting changes include listing every model code chapter and stating whether each chapter is adopted, adopted with changes, or deleted; leading all changes with the model code section number for quick reference; and focusing on model code numbering to simplify citation and avoid confusion.</p>	2025-09-05

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Rhode Island Mechanical Code	Amendment	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) is proposing amendments to the Rhode Island Mechanical Code. The current version of the Mechanical Code adopted the International Code Council's (ICC) International Mechanical Code (IMC) 2018 edition. Currently, these amendments reflect the BCSC's proposed adoption of the 2021 edition of the IMC. The state-specific amendments to the IMC 2021 model code are for consistency with the other building code regulations in RICR Title 510 and the Fire Safety Codes in RICR Title 450, compliance with RI statutes, and ensure that the model codes align with the needs of this state.</p> <p>Additionally, all building code regulations being amended in this cycle have been edited for clarity and internal consistency of formatting and style, and to be easily read with the other building code regulations and the model codes that these regulations adopt. Formatting changes include listing every model code chapter and stating whether each chapter is adopted, adopted with changes, or deleted; leading all changes with the model code section number for quick reference; and focusing on model code numbering to simplify citation and avoid confusion.</p>	2025-09-05

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Rhode Island Plumbing Code	Amendment	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) is proposing amendments to the Rhode Island Plumbing Code. The current version of the Plumbing Code adopted the International Code Council's (ICC) International Plumbing Code (IPC) 2018 edition. Currently, these amendments reflect the BCSC's proposed adoption of the 2021 edition of the IPC. The state-specific amendments to the IPC 2021 model code are for consistency with the other building code regulations in RICR Title 510 and the Fire Safety Codes in RICR Title 450, compliance with RI statutes, and ensure that the model codes align with the needs of this state.</p> <p>Additionally, all building code regulations being amended in this cycle have been edited for clarity and internal consistency of formatting and style, and to be easily read with the other building code regulations and the model codes that these regulations adopt. Formatting changes include listing every model code chapter and stating whether each chapter is adopted, adopted with changes, or deleted; leading all changes with the model code section number for quick reference; and focusing on model code numbering to simplify citation and avoid confusion.</p>	2025-09-05

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	Rhode Island One & Two-Family Dwelling Code	Amendment	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) is proposing amendments to the Rhode Island One &amp; Two Family Dwelling Code (Residential Code). The current version of this regulation adopted the International Code Council's (ICC) International Residential Code (IRC), 2018 version, with RI-specific amendments. Currently, the BCSC has proposed adopting the 2021 version of the IRC. The proposed amendments to the IRC 2021 model code are for consistency with the other building code regulations in Title 510 and the Fire Safety Codes in Title 450, compliance with RI statutes, and ensure that the model codes align with the needs of this state.</p> <p>Additionally, all the building code regulations simultaneously being amended have been edited for clarity and internal consistency of formatting and style, and to be easily read with the other building code regulations and the model codes that these regulations adopt. Formatting changes include listing every model code chapter and stating whether each chapter is adopted, adopted with changes, or deleted; leading all changes with the model code section number for quick reference; and focusing on model code numbering to simplify citation and avoid confusion.</p>	2025-09-05

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Post-Comment Draft	Business Regulation	RISBC 1 - Rhode Island Building Code	Amendment	1	<p>The Building Code Standards Committee (BCSC) is proposing amendments to the Rhode Island Building Code, which is the primary building code that applies to all buildings that are not a one or two-family residences. The current version of this regulation adopted the International Code Council's (ICC) International Building Code (IBC), 2018 version, with RI-specific amendments. Currently, the BCSC has proposed adopting the 2021 version of the IBC. The proposed amendments to the IBC 2021 model code are for consistency with the other building code regulations in Title 510 and the Fire Safety Codes in Title 450, compliance with RI statutes, and ensure that the model codes align with the needs of this state.</p> <p>Additionally, all the building code regulations simultaneously being amended have been edited for clarity and internal consistency of formatting and style, and to be easily read with the other building code regulations and the model codes that these regulations adopt. Formatting changes include listing every model code chapter and stating whether each chapter is adopted, adopted with changes, or deleted; leading all changes with the model code section number for quick reference; and focusing on model code numbering to simplify citation and avoid confusion.</p>	2025-09-05
Post-Comment Draft	Quonset Development Corporation	Principles and Policies of the Quonset Development Corporation for the Procurement of Supplies and Services	Amendment	0	The proposed amendments seek to modernize and update the Quonset Development Corporation's purchasing and procurement regulations to create efficiency and ease of use.	2025-09-08
Preliminary Draft	Health	Licensing Hospice Care	Amendment	5	Added 'including palliative care' as example of "additional health services or related services," that "may be provided as may be deemed appropriate to meet patient/family needs."	2025-09-08
Post-Comment Draft	Environmental Management	Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Surface Coating Operations	Amendment	0	Part 19 is being amended to add definitions for clarification and to make corrections to definitions that were unintentionally overlooked during the amendments to the rule in 2019.	2025-09-10

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Preliminary Draft	Human Services	Child Care Assistance Program for Child Care Educators and Child Care Staff Rules and Regulations	Amendment	4	The Rhode Island Department of Human Services is looking to update Child Care Assistance Program for Child Care Educators and Child Care Staff Rules and Regulations to stay in line with federal guidelines and increase time frame based on the FY26 state budget. The two main policy changes include a 24-month certification to align with traditional CCAP regulations, and the need to apply for traditional CCAP first to ensure they do not qualify before they can apply for this pilot.	2025-09-12
Post-Comment Draft	Environmental Management	Port Operations Regulations and Berthing Management System	Amendment	0	Proposed regulatory language throughout these sections is intended to achieve clarity through organization, enhance definitions and content to meet current standards, and provide optimal legal resources to protect state assets as well as surrounding small business.	2025-09-15
Preliminary Draft	Environmental Management	Dealers	Amendment	6	Amend the regulations to require that all applicants for a RI dealer's license (finfish, shellfish, crustacean, and multi-purpose) provide documentation attesting that they, or their registered agent, maintain a fixed place of business in the state (7.6(B), 7.7(B), 7.8(B), & 7.9(B)).	2025-09-15
Preliminary Draft	Environmental Management	General Equipment Provisions	Amendment	6	Amend the pot and buoy identification requirements to remove statutory reference so they apply to recreational pots (6.4(B)(2)). Amend the general pot and buoy regulations to require an escape vent on all pots and traps other than lobster, Jonah crab, black sea bass, and scup (6.4(7)). The proposed language also includes two exemptions for smaller pots and traps or pots and traps using smaller mesh.	2025-09-15

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Preliminary Draft	Environmental Management	Definitions and General Provisions	Amendment	6	<p>The amendments delete 1.8(A), pertaining to the Administrative Adjudication Division (AAD) process, amend 1.8(B)(1) to include statutory reference for this language, remove language for wild animals, wild birds, lobsters and fish, and add language “unless otherwise specifically provided”, add language in new 1.8(B) that outlines when a non-compliance penalty shall be a \$100 fine through the RITT, and amend 1.8(B)(2) to remove “person” and add “the owner and/or operator of the vessel and/or license/permit holder”, and to amend Part 6 reference.</p> <p>The language in 1.8(A) is provided in statute (R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-17.7) and regulation elsewhere (250-RICR-10-00-1) and deemed unnecessary. The wild animals, wild birds, lobsters and fish language in 1.8(B)(1) is not necessary as these are marine fisheries regulations and therefore wild animals and birds do not apply, and lobsters and fish are covered under marine, freshwater and anadromous fisheries and shellfisheries. The other changes reflect the necessary consistencies with statute and additional clarity.</p>	2025-09-15
Post-Comment Draft	Airport Corporation	Procurement Regulation	Amendment	0	This is to align with increased small purchases thresholds under the State Purchases Act which will reduce administrative burden while ensuring reasonable prices.	2025-09-17
Post-Comment Draft	Environmental Management	Rules and Regulations for the Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Facilities	Amendment	0	To modernize the regulations to reflect industry-wide changes to incorporate cybersecurity/resiliency to the operations and maintenance at wastewater treatment facilities. Also, to stay consistent with the federal electronic rule.	2025-09-22
Preliminary Draft	Human Services	Refugee Assistance Program	Amendment	6	Pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 400.211, the time-eligibility period for refugee cash assistance (RCA) is determined by the Director each year, based on appropriated funds available for the fiscal year. Refugees whose date of eligibility for ORR benefits is on or after May 5, 2025, are subject to the eligibility period as determined pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 400.211	2025-09-23

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Preliminary Draft	Health	Regional Health Information Organization and Health Information Exchange	Amendment	7	These amendments are seeking to remove "participant" language to reflect the change to no longer use an opt-in process individuals can choose to participate in, make clarifying changes to the regulatory language, ensure consistency with statutes, introduce flexibility in certain areas to keep pace with industry standard practice, establish requirements for research and analytics uses of HIE data, and amend the requirements for membership on the HIE Advisory Committee.	2025-09-24
Preliminary Draft	Health	Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health	Amendment	3	Adding a licensing fee for new Lactation Counselor license type.	2025-09-25
Preliminary Draft	Health	Licensing of Lactation Consultants and Counselors	Amendment	3	The proposed amendments are intended to address the addition of the Lactation Counselor license type and set the requirements for licensure as well as the scope of practice for licensees.	2025-09-25