

# Concise Explanatory Statement

## Rhode Island Government Register

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In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

**AGENCY:** Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation

**DIVISION:** Building Code Commission

**RULE IDENTIFIER:** 510-RICR-00-00-5

**REGULATION TITLE:** RISBC-5 Rhode Island Electrical Code

**RULEMAKING ACTION:** Full rulemaking, Amendment

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:**

RISBC-5 State Electrical Code sets forth the electrical code requirements for the State. Rhode Island Building Codes are amendments of the International Building Codes which we use as our model. The Building Standards Committee modifies parts of the Codes to adhere to our State and the elements of our State. The State Building Code Standards Committee has reviewed this regulation and proposes the following non-technical amendments. As described below:

All references to National Electrical Code (“NEC”) 2014, have been changed to the 2017 edition. Some NEC section numbers have been amended to conform to NEC 2017.

Throughout the regulation: updated internal cross-references with new RICR citations and references to the 2019 version for all Parts in Title 510 being amended this year.

§ 5.2(A)(4) & (5) and (B) because this information is not regulatory content and could change. The dates of distribution of updated codes cannot be known in the drafting process so this information will be provided on the State Building Code Standards Committee’s website. The date of adoption by the Legislative Regulation Committee will be recorded in the Concise Explanatory Statement.

Internal references to the Rhode Island Life Safety Code in Title 450 have been updated to conform with RICR.

**CHANGES TO TEXT OF THE RULE:**

No comments were received. No changes were made. The final rule is the same as what was proposed.

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:**

Building codes have a significant impact on the state. The following economic analysis will explain the process of regulatory development and the potential impacts that these regulations will have on Rhode Islanders. The construction standards in the state building codes impacts include:

Safety, health, livability, and environmental impacts related to increased protective requirements;

Building quality and resiliency impacts related to higher quality construction and energy savings requirements;

Construction cost impacts related to the cost of construction and compliance with the state building code requirements; and,

Procedural and administrative impacts related to the management and application of the code requirements.

In the development of the proposed adoption consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.