

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section § 42-35-2.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Batterer's Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee

DIVISION: *(If any)*

RULE IDENTIFIER: 244-RICR-10-00-2

RULE TITLE:

TITLE 244 – Batterer's Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee

CHAPTER 10 – COMPREHENSIVE STANDARDS

SUBCHAPTER 00 - N/A

PART 2 – COMPREHENSIVE STANDARDS

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of the amendment to the Comprehensive Standards is to better enable the duly constituted Oversight Committee to identify, certify, and monitor programs that shall be eligible for referral of court-mandated batterers intervention counseling.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: *(if any)*

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: Comment submitted with the argument that language removed in the proposed document be reinstated in the final draft. The removed language was a list that specifies types of discrimination that are prohibited and to whom the prohibition applies.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: Section 2.4.9 B was edited to include the changes requested in the comment; specifically, a list of types of discrimination that are prohibited and to whom the prohibition applies.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: In the development of the proposed 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.