

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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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:** Commission for Human Rights

**DIVISION:** *(If any)*

**RULE IDENTIFIER:** 515-RICR-10-00-3

**RULE TITLE:** Fair Housing

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:** Statutorily mandated amendment of existing regulations.

**ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE:** None

**TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:** No testimony or comments were received.

**CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:** There were no changes to the text of the Rule.

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:** The amendments of the attached Rule should not increase any costs to the public as the amendments are proposed to streamline and clarify procedures before the Commission. There are no filing fees or other costs associated with the amendments. By consolidating the definitions formerly in this Rule into another Rule, it will be easier for the public to navigate the Rules. There were no other reasonable alternatives to the proposed Rules as the Commission must comply with existing state law and this Rule clarifies existing procedures under those laws. Any confusing language was removed to simplify the terms of the Rule. The only overlap between this Rule and that of any other state agency deals with the joint jurisdiction over investigation of violations of Ban the Box legislation (shared with the Department of Labor and Training).