

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION & LICENSING BOARD**

**Title of Rule:** Rules and Regulations for Home Inspectors and Associate Home Inspectors

**Rule Identifier:** 440-RICR-10-00-5

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: December 2, 2025

End of Public Comment: January 2, 2026

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws § R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-65-17 and 5-65.1-3

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

The Department of Business Regulation has proposed the amendment of this regulation to conform to clarifying statutory changes made to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-6-2 of the electrician licensing law, 2024 Public Laws, ch. 209 & 210, effective 1/30/2025. <http://webserver.rilegislature.gov/PublicLaws/law24/law24209.htm>  
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The Department is not exercising any discretion in making these amendments. The changes are only to ensure that this regulation is consistent with the updated electrician licensing laws and related guidance issued by Department of Labor and Training.

While preparing these amendments, it was discovered that cross references within § 5.24.5(D)(5) to §§ 5.22.5 and 5.22.6 (and which also appear throughout the regulation) were incorrect. Those subsections do not exist in the regulation. Upon further review, it was clear that those cross references are meant to point to the exclusions and prohibitions set forth in §§ 5.24.5 and 5.24.6 which contain the standards for the scope of the home inspection and general exclusions. All instances have been corrected. No change to status quo.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until January 2, 2026 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

All licensed home inspectors in Rhode Island will be required to comply with the proposed regulation.

The proposed amendment clarifies the regulations to conform with existing statute and benefits society, including small business home inspectors, because it promotes efficiency and consistency. There are no societal costs to this amendment.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.