Concise Explanatory Statement

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The subject regulations, Guidelines for the Development of Municipal Harbor Management Plans, were included as part of the Coastal Resources Management Plan and adopted by Council on November 22, 1988 (with subsequent revisions) to implement practices and regulations for mooring management within waters of the State, and to also provide requirements for public access, water quality management, storm preparedness, and model local ordinances for local municipalities.

In 2016, the legislature passed an amendment to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-5(b) that required the Secretary of State to oversee the publication of an updated uniform code of state regulations, the Rhode Island Code of Regulations (RICR). Desirable regulatory elements of the Guidelines for the Development of Municipal Harbor Management Plans have been integrated within the Red Book within § 1.3.1(O) and the remaining non-RICR elements will be incorporated into a guidance document in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-35-1(9) and 42-35-2.12. The original “Guidelines for the Development of Municipal Harbor Management Plans” will be repealed in their entirety.