

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

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION (INCLUDES THE OFFICE OF THE
HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER)**

Title of Rule: Motor Vehicle Damage Appraisers

Rule Identifier: 230-RICR-20-50-3

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: June 3, 2025

End of Public Comment: July 7, 2025

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § Chapter 27-10.1

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The Department has determined the regulation does not track with current statutes and the proposed amendment harmonizes the current statutes and the regulation. 3.7(E) The appraiser shall prepare and leave a legible copy of his or her independent appraisal with the auto body shop selected to make the repairs at time of ~~initial~~ inspection. All damage unrelated to the incident or accident that occasioned the appraisal of the vehicle, or old damage, shall be clearly indicated in the appraisal.

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before July 7, 2025, the Department of Business Regulation (includes the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner) will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

These proposed amendments will result in no adverse impact for small businesses. 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.

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