

Concise Explanatory Statement

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In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, the following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation
DIVISION: Insurance Division
RULE IDENTIFIER: 230-RICR-20-40-2
REGULATION TITLE: Unfair Property/Casualty Claims Settlement Practices
RULEMAKING ACTION: Direct Final
REASON FOR RULEMAKING:

The Department is proposing an amendment to *230-RICR-20-40-2 Unfair Property/Casualty Claims Settlement Practices*. The specific amendment is:

§ 2.8(A)(1): § 27-91-4(~~25~~)(a)(29) and insert to eighty percent (80%)
§ 2.8(A)(2)(a): § 27-91-4(~~25~~)(a)(29)
§ 2.8(A)(3): insert to eighty percent (80%)
§ 2.8(B)(1)(b)(1): § 27-91-4(~~25~~)(a)(29)

The Department proposes this amendment to update the regulation to harmonize with the amendment per 2025 P.L. Chs 472 & 473 amending R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-9.1-4(a)(29).

This direct final will not add any cost to the state. The regulation adoption will neither increase or decrease overall revenue. This amendment will not add any addition cost to insurance companies as they are already complying with the regulation.

CHANGES TO TEXT OF THE RULE:

No comments or objections were received during the public comment period. The final regulation is the same as what has been proposed.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

The new adoption 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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