

**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 Glass Repair

Rule Identifier: 230-RICR-30-05-3

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: May 26, 2026

End of Public Comment: June 25, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-38.5-4(d)

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The Department is proposing amendments to this regulation to reflect advances in motor vehicle technology have made a significant impact on the auto glass industry. Significantly, most new cars now have Advanced Drivers' Assistance Systems ("ADAS"), which are safety features that alert the driver in situations where immediate action may be necessary. One prevalent ADAS system incorporates smart safety glass in the windshield, which communicates with the car's driver alert system, making noises or signals to the driver when the driver's vehicle is too close to another object or leaves its lane of travel. After replacing a windshield, the replacement windshield should be calibrated so that the glass installer can confirm that the ADAS system is working properly before returning the vehicle to the consumer.

Because auto glass now has these interrelated and interconnected safety features on which drivers depend, auto glass installers should have a minimum level of knowledge of, and education in, ADAS calibrations.

The following is a list of the changes proposed in the amended regulation:

- § 3.3(B)(2) adds a definition for ADAS.
- § 3.6(l) adds a requirement that licensees notify their consumers if they are not certified in ADAS calibration and will use another entity to perform the calibration.
- § 3.8(A)(1) and (2) add a licensing requirement that an applicant must be certified in ADAS calibration or have an arrangement with another entity that is ADAS calibration certified who will perform its calibrations.

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 June 25, 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:

The proposed amendments benefit all occupants of all vehicles and pedestrians in Rhode Island, and beyond. Calibration is a crucial tool for the industry to keep pace with the development of vehicle safety technology, and in so doing it keeps all ADAS systems that depend on glass functionality working properly. The cost of certification for licensees is minimal; two classes will be recommended, one of which is sixty-two dollars, and the other is forty-five dollars, and which together total two hours. All auto glass technician certifications need recertification every three years. Critically important is that the proposed amendments do not require that licensees perform calibrations themselves or even that all licensees be certified in ADAS calibrations. In the event that the licensee does not desire to be ADAS calibration certified, it may elect to contract with another entity to perform calibrations and may provide evidence of the same to the Department in order to be licensed. However, many licensees are already certified in ADAS calibrations because of its importance to the safety of cars' operations. For those licensees, the amendment will pose no additional burden.

In the development of the proposed amendment 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.

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