

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section § 42-35-2.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Parks & Recreation

RULE IDENTIFIER: 250-RICR-100-00-3

RULE TITLE: User Fees at State Beaches, Parks, and Recreational Areas

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of this amendment is to revise the schedule of fees for State campgrounds and recreational areas.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE:
(if any)

TESTIMONY, COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS: The Department received comments from 33 individuals. One individual also presented a petition with 667 signatures, 32% of which were from Rhode Island. Most comments were in opposition to the camping fee increases. Many who were opposed to the fee increases specifically mentioned the steep amount of the proposed increase and many expressed concerns that the Charlestown Breachway, which has no amenities or services, would be considered Tier 1. There was only one comment opposing golf fee increases.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: The Department adjusted proposed definitions and fees in response to comments.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: N/A