

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 for the below identified regulation, which was subject to a public hearing on May 11, 2021.

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Fish and Wildlife

RULE IDENTIFIER: 250-RICR-60-00-2

RULE TITLE: Governing the Importation, Feeding and Baiting of Cervids in Rhode Island

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of this filing is to protect the general public's safety and native wildlife resources of the State and to prevent the introduction of multiple wildlife diseases into RI.

1. 2.1 - New language in regard to the diseases that can be introduced into RI if animals are imported into the State.
2. 2.3 – New language in regard to public health, safety and welfare
3. 2.7 – new definitions and clarification language to existing definitions
4. 2.10 – This section was reworked, and additional language added
5. 2.11 - This section was added to, original language remains but additional language regarding wildlife rehabilitators was added as they can release previously injured Cervids back into the wildlife.
6. 2.13 – Changes in regard to import, transport of possession of Cervid carcasses and parts in Rhode Island
7. 2.14 – additional language in regard to adding “carcasses” and information need in order to transport.
8. 2.15 – additional clarification language
9. 2.16 – removal of language

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS (for not adopting a proposed rule): N/A.

CHANGES TO TEXT (between proposed and final rule): There were no changes post public comment to the regulations.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: N/A