

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation, Feeding, and Baiting of Cervids in Rhode Island (250-RICR-60-00-2)

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-60-00-2

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 04/12/2021

Hearing Date: 05/11/2021

End of Public Comment: 05/17/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 4-4-23 and 20-17-9, Chapters 4-18, 20-17 and 42-17.1, and 42-17.7

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is to protect the general public's safety and native wildlife resources of the state and to prevent the introduction of wildlife diseases into the State of Rhode Island.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until May 17, 2021 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on May 11, 2021 at 12:00 pm at Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83162210050?pwd=VU84bzNRSmZ>, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-423-1928 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

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

In the development of the proposed rule/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 see agency contact person above.