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-60-00-1

RULE TITLE: Governing Wildlife Rehabilitation

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of this filing is to establish the standards under which wildlife rehabilitators may be permitted to temporarily possess wildlife protected by the Department under RI Gen. Laws Chapter 20-1, and to insure the safety and welfare of those animals under their care as well as the health and safety of themselves and the general public.

1. The entire document was totally reworked

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

<u>CHANGES TO TEXT (between proposed and final rule):</u> There were no changes to the regulations between proposed and final rule.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: N/A