

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 request, this was filed as a direct final.

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Fish and Wildlife

RULE IDENTIFIER: 250-RICR-60-00-1

RULE TITLE: Rules and Regulations Governing Wildlife Rehabilitation (250-RICR-60-00-1)

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The proper care of sick, orphaned, displaced, or injured wild animals requires special knowledge, skills and facilities not possessed by the general public. Specifically, trained individuals, collectively called wildlife rehabilitators prove for the care or injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife with the goal of returning them to the wild. The purpose of these regulations 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 201, 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.

The Division recently revised these regulations and upon filing noticed that the when the regulations were reworked the definition for "Sponsor" was rewritten and the old definition remains so this to remove the old definition and the number five was increased to seven for sub-permittees.

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS (for not adopting a proposed rule): None were received

CHANGES TO TEXT (between proposed and final rule): None

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: N/A