

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission Rules and Regulations

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-80-00-9

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 10/20/2021

Hearing Date: 11/04/2021

End of Public Comment: 11/19/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

RIGL 46-9 and 46-9.1

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

To remove an outdated exception to the PPU requirement. Section 9.15(Q) amended to remove the exception to the PPU requirement for situations in which the pilot is navigating a vessel from one berth to another berth within the same harbor.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 19, 2021 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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RI State Pilotage Commission, c/o Legal Services
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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 November 4, 2021 at 9:30 am at Zoom:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84770838920?pwd=aXJqZEtacTZVY>, Room 425, Director's Office, 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 401-222-5300 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:

The Department has determined that small businesses will not be adversely impacted by the proposed regulations referenced above. However, the public hearing is being conducted to solicit comment on the proposals and to allow public input from small businesses or any cities or towns, which may believe that that may be adversely affected. For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.

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