

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

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**Title of Rule:** Rules and Regulations Governing Livestock Welfare (250-RICR-40-05-5)

**Rule Identifier:** 250-RICR-40-05-5

**Rulemaking Action:** Direct Final Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: December 20, 2022

End of Public Comment: January 19, 2023

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-17.1-2(19)

42-17.1-4(3)

4-26-5(1)

4-26-5(3) and 4-26-3(7)

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

To make standards included in these regulations more consistent across species.  
Section 5.7 amended to expand general management requirements.  
Section 5.8 revised to clarify existing specific requirements.

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

If no formal objection is received on or before January 19, 2023, the Department of Environmental Management will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) the benefits and costs of a reasonable range of regulatory alternatives reflecting the scope of discretion; (2) alternative approaches; (3) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (4) 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 contact the agency staffperson listed above.