

*State of Rhode Island
Department of Administration
Office of Management and Budget*

Fiscal Note for Proposed Administrative Rules (R.I. Gen. Laws § 22-12-1.1)

Name of Administrative Rule: *250-RICR-40-20-9 Rules Related to Cultural Practices for Branding Products of the Farm*

FISCAL IMPACT			
<i>State Fiscal Year (FY)</i>	<i>State Revenues</i>	<i>State Expenditures</i>	<i>City/Town Expenditures</i>
FY 2027	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2028	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2029	\$0	\$0	\$0

Summary of Policy Change:

Request to repeal 250-RICR-40-20-9 Rules Related to Cultural Practices for Branding Products of the Farm, which is obsolete. This regulation authorized DEM to apply to USDA for organic certifier accreditation to conduct organic certification of farms and handlers according to federal regulations when the National Organic Program went into effect in 2002. DEM has not conducted organic certification under this regulation since discontinuing USDA accreditation as an organic certifier as of 11/1/2023. USDA organic certification services previously provided by DEM now are provided by private certifiers.

Summary of State Fiscal Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact to the state by repealing these regulations.

City or Town Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact to cities or towns in RI by repealing these regulations.

Reviewed/Approved by CFO: *Emily Cahoon* **Dated:** 9/30/26

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