

# **LIBRARY OF RHODE ISLAND STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS 220-RICR-60-15-03**

## **CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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**In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:**

**AGENCY:** Department of Administration

**DIVISION:** Enterprise Technology Systems and Strategy

**SUBDIVISION:** Office of Library and Information Services

**RULE IDENTIFIER:** 220-RICR-60-15-03

**RULE TITLE:** Library of Rhode Island Standards and Regulations

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:** To administer a program of statewide resource sharing and interlibrary cooperation.

**RULEMAKING ACTION:** Proposed Amendment

**TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:** See attached “Summary of Public Comments” document.

### **AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULEMAKING:**

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 29-3.1-4.1, 29-3.1-7 and 29-6-9

### **SUMMARY OF RULEMAKING ACTION:**

R.I. Gen. Laws § 29-6-9 charges the Office of Library and Information Services to administer and develop a program of statewide resource sharing and interlibrary cooperation. The regulatory change will clarify and more clearly articulate requirements for libraries to participate in the Library of Rhode Island (LORI), a network that provides qualified libraries with a system to share materials with other LORI libraries for the benefit of Rhode Island residents.

#### **List of Changes to Regulatory Status Quo**

- Added definitions for librarian, library types, and library director that specify criteria for these terms.
- § 3.3(A) Clarifies legal requirements, adding specific statutory requirements.
- § 3.3(B) Clarifies by quantifying how libraries must be staffed.
- § 3.3(D) Clarifies by quantifying the minimum number of hours that libraries must be staffed and open to their clientele.
- § 3.3(I) Simplifies the assignment of LORI responsibilities that must be carried out by library staff.

- 3.5(B) Specifies the procedure for a library to report another library's alleged failure to comply with the Regulations.

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:** In the development of the proposed adoption, consideration was given to (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.