

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Department of Administration
Office of Library and Information Services

PUBLIC NOTICE of PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Pursuant to the provisions of section 29-3.1-4.1(b)(3) and 29-3.1-4(b)(7)(ii) of the General Laws of Rhode Island, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act Chapter 42-35 of the General Laws, the Office of Library and Information Services and the Library Board of Rhode Island hereby gives notice of their intent to **adopt Library of Rhode Island (LORI) Standards and Regulations** and give notice of intent to hold a public hearing to afford interested parties the opportunity for public comment.

The purpose of this **adoption** is to create new set of **Library of Rhode Island Standards and Regulations** that is consistent with current practices and national standards for resource sharing. New regulations were developed so that LORI libraries would have clear rules regarding resource sharing policies and procedures and to eliminate standards and regulations that do not reflect current library practices. In conjunction with this filing, the current Library of Rhode Island Standards, ERLID # 2772, are being repealed.

The proposed **Library of Rhode Island Standards and Regulations** and are available for public inspection online at www.olis.ri.gov or in person at Office of Library and Information Services, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 or may be requested by email from Donna.DiMichele@olis.ri.gov or by calling 401-574-9303.

In the development of the proposed adoption consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information. The Department has determined that small businesses will not be adversely impacted by the proposed regulations. However, the public notification process is being conducted to solicit comment on the proposal and to allow public input from small businesses or any cities or towns, which may believe that they may be adversely affected.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments concerning the proposed regulations by 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 30, 2015 to Donna L. DiMichele by mail at Office of Library and Information Services, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 or by fax to (401) 574-9320 or by email: donna.dimichele@olis.ri.gov.

A public hearing to consider the proposed adoption shall be held on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at the Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The place of the public hearing is accessible to the handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/ interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-574-9302 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.

Karen Mellor, Office of Library and Information Services

Tom Viall, Library Board of Rhode Island

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