

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

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Title of Rule: Declaratory Order Petitions

Rule Identifier: 240-RICR-00-00-2

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: December 16, 2025

Hearing Date: December 30, 2025

End of Public Comment: January 18, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-8(b)

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This Regulation states the requirements for submitting a request for Declaratory Order under R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-8(b), and the procedure for its consideration and prompt disposition.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until January 18, 2026 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Lindsey Hughes
Department of Corrections
18 Wilma Schesler Lane
Policy and Auditing Unit
Cranston, RI 02920
DOC.Policy@doc.ri.gov

Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed adoption shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:

Date: December 30, 2025

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Location: 1 Capitol Hill
Powers Building
Conference Room A
Providence, RI, 02908

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 with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-222-2000 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. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

Please see the attached regulatory analyses.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.