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In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-35-3(a)(1), the following is a concise statement regarding this rulemaking for Chemical Dependency Professionals (216-RICR-40-05-6).

This amendment to the regulations creates Authority and Incorporated Materials sections, creates definitions for Acudetox Specialist, Auricular acudetox, and National Accupuncture Detoxification Association, removes statutory reiteration, removes superfluous language, implements requirements for acudetox specialists, removes notarization/photograph requirements for applications, and revises issuance/renewal of licensure.

No comments were received during the public comment period; therefore no non-technical revisions were made to the regulations posted for public comment, and no justification for not implementing suggested revisions is required.

In the development of this rule, 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 on available information. RIDOH has determined that the benefits of this rule justify its costs.