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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 Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters (216-RICR-40-05-31).

This amendment to the regulations creates an Authority section, implements Secretary of State definitional requirements, removes statutory reiteration, revises issuance/renewal of licenses and examination requirements, implements requirements for conspicuous posting of licenses, reorders sections for clarity, and removes superfluous language.

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.