

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

AGENCY: Rhode Island Department of Health

DIVISION: N/A

RULE IDENTIFIER: 216-RICR-10-05-2

RULE TITLE: Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory, and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health

REASON FOR RULEMAKING:

ANY FINDINGS REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREEQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: N/A

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:

A written comment was received requesting that the fee for a pharmacist renewal license be reduced to align closer to neighboring Rhode Island states. Changes to the pharmacist renewal fee were not included in the proposed amendments as the purpose of the changes were to correct fee amounts set by statute or to match fee amounts in RIDOH's licensing system. This comment will not be accepted at this time as the Department needs to do a more in-depth assessment at the impact of reducing the pharmacist renewal fee would have on the state.

CHANGES TO THE TEXT OF THE RULE:

§ 2.9 Health Professions Fees

- Creates a new license type and associated fee for Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine/Chinese Herbology Application and Renewal.
- Removes Barber Shop: Initial License fee category.
- Removes all fee categories for Clinical Histologic Technician.
- Creates a new license type and associated fee for Volunteer Dentist.
- Creates a new license type and associated fee for Dental Anesthesia- Nitrous Oxide.
- Creates a new license type and associated fee for Volunteer Dental Hygienist

- Creates various new license types and associated fees for Public Health Dental Hygienist.
- Creates various new license types and associated fees for Maxillofacial Surgery Dental Assistant.
- Creates a new license type and associated fee for Electrologist Apprentice.
- Removes Hearing Aid Dealer/Fitter: Initial Examination.
- Creates a new license type and associated fee for Medical Marijuana Hospice Expedited Initial Application.
- Creates a new license type and associated fee for Volunteer Allopathic Physician.
- Creates a new license type and associated fee for Temporary Post Graduate Allopathic Physician: Application
- Creates a new license types and associated fees for Controlled Substance R – Temporary Post Graduate Allopathic Physician Application and Renewal.
- Creates a new license type and associated fee for Temporary Post Graduate Osteopathic Physician Application
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- Creates a new license type and associate fee for Physician Hospital Bed Fee.

§ 2.11 Food Protection Fees

- Removes Frozen Dessert Retail: Annual License Fee category.

§ 2.15 Fees for Clinical Laboratory Services Provided by the State Health Laboratories

- Creates a new fee for SARS-CoV-2 tests.

§ 2.17 Vital Records, Newborn Screening Program, Certificate of Need and Medical Examiner Fees

- Increases the fee for Newborn Screening Program.

§ 2.18 Miscellaneous Fees

- Creates a new for Initial Wall Certificate and Wall Certificate Replacement.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

In 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 the rule justify its costs.