

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Licensing Aquatic Venues (216-RICR-50-05-4)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-50-05-4

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: May 18, 2022

End of Public Comment: June 17, 2022

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-22-2

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-1-1

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-1-17

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This rule is being amended to permit licensees or applicants to hire a private engineer, at the applicant or licensees own expense, to approve designs for construction of new aquatic facilities and venues, substantial alterations to existing aquatic facilities and aquatic venues, non-substantial alterations to existing aquatic facilities and in-kind replacement; and would permit a private engineer to conduct conformance inspections and attest to the Department that the aquatic venue has been constructed properly.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until June 17, 2022 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

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.

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