

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Barbers, Hairdressers/Cosmeticians, Manicurists, Estheticians, and Instructors (216-RICR-40-05-4)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-40-05-4

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: October 4, 2023

End of Public Comment: November 3, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-10-2(a)(4)

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

These regulations are being amended to comply with amendments to R.I. Gen. Laws section 5-10-9 which reduces the number of hours required for a course of instruction in hairdressing and cosmetology.

The regulatory changes proposed in this filing are identical to the regulatory language originally noticed on 08/21/2023. During that public comment period, a technical error within the RICR system may have prevented comments submitted through RICR's attachment field from being received by the agency. Any comments submitted directly through RICR's text box option (with no attachments) or submitted directly to the agency were processed successfully. 216-RICR-40-05-4 is being noticed for a second public comment period to ensure that the agency receives all public comments as originally intended.

Comments that were received by the agency during the initial public comment period (08/21/2023 through 09/20/2023) will be considered and included in the agency's Concise Explanatory Statement. If you have questions about whether your comment was received by the agency, please reach out to the contact listed below.

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before November 3, 2023, the Department of Health will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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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.