

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-40-05-8

RULE TITLE: Licensing Doctors of Acupuncture and Doctors of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The Rhode Island Department of Health (“RIDOH”; “The Department”) is proposing to amend Licensing Doctors of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine [216-RICR-40-05-8] to address legislative changes to the licensing process for Doctors of Acupuncture and Doctors of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine. The proposed amendments to these regulations are based upon statutory amendments to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-37.2.

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

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: RIDOH did not receive any comments on the proposed amendments.

CHANGES TO THE TEXT OF THE RULE: RIDOH did not make any substantive changes to the rule as it was proposed.

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.