

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

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**Title of Rule:** Practice of Electrolysis (216-RICR-40-05-29)

**Rule Identifier:** 216-RICR-40-05-29

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: January 10, 2024

End of Public Comment: February 9, 2024

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws 5-32

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

The Rhode Island Department of Health is proposing to amend "Practice of Electrolysis" to include laser hair removal in the regulations based upon statutory amendments (Pub. Law 19-129). The amendments being proposed are based upon a statutory amendment to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-32 ["Electrolysis and Laser Hair Removal"] which added § 21 ["Practice of laser hair removal"] and amended several other sections. The statute which guides the proposed amendments differentiates between electrologists licensed before and after July 1, 2019.

**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 February 9, 2024 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.