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-50-10-1

RULE TITLE: Rhode Island Food Code

REASON FOR RULEMAKING:

- Adopting the 2022 FDA Food Code
- Adding a requirement for three-compartment sinks at the bar
- Extending the exclusion criteria for food workers who have general symptoms of vomiting and diarrhea from 24 hours to 48 hours

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: No substantive changes were made to the proposed amendments to this rule.

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.