

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 Public Safety

DIVISION:

RULE IDENTIFIER: 270-RICR-60-00-1

RULE TITLE: Rules and Regulations Governing Statewide Body-Worn Grant Program

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: These rules and regulations (the “Rules”) are promulgated to set forth the principles, policies, and practices of the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety (the “Department”) in implementing and administering R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-161, the Statewide Body-Worn Camera Program (the “Program”).

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: None required.

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: None received.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: None.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: Because the regulation creates rules for an elective program administered by the Department of Public Safety, its existence does not create or impose any costs or burdens for eligible program participants—state and local law enforcement agencies—or others in Rhode Island. If and when state and local law enforcement agencies choose to participate in the elective grant program, it can only be assumed that they are doing so because they believe the benefits provided by the program (grant funds to be used for the adoption of body-worn camera solutions) outweigh any costs to their local governments or agencies—otherwise the leaders of these local governments and agencies would not choose to participate in the program. The only quantifiable costs associated with the regulation will be borne by the Department of Public Safety, which will fund these costs and expenses using funds appropriated for this purpose by the General Assembly.