

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Title of Rule: Rhode Island State Police Rules and Regulations for Sworn Members (270-RICR-10-00-1)

Rule Identifier: 270-RICR-10-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: January 4, 2023

End of Public Comment: February 3, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-28-11

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The current rules and regulations are being amended as part of the agency's policy review to ensure the rules and regulations remain consistent with state law and societal developments. The proposed amendments are primarily clean up in nature. For example, the agency has updated the name of the current Superintendent, made the rules and regulations gender neutral and added gender identity as a protected class. The agency has also ensured due process protections for any sworn member the agency seeks to remove via a hearing for a non-work-related medical condition. Lastly, as a paramilitary organization, the rules and regulations also provide the expected conduct of sworn members when carrying out their duties and responsibilities. Over time, expectations of job performance evolve, and these amendments are reflective of these changes.

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 3, 2023 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:

Chapter 28 of Title 42 of the Rhode Island General Laws establishes the authority for the Superintendent make rules and regulations not inconsistent with law for the examination and qualifications of applicants for appointment to the state police, for the discipline, control, and removal of the other members and relating to reimbursement for expenses properly incurred in the performance of their official duties. The overall purpose of the rules and regulations is to provide a transparent framework of law, policy, procedures, training, and organizational expectations for the behavior of sworn members of the Rhode Island State Police.

In the development of the proposed amendment 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 upon available information. Amending these regulations will not add any financial cost to the agency or the public at large and the societal benefits of updating rules and regulations far outweighs any concern to the contrary.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staff person listed above.