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 Establishing Statewide Policy for the Use and Operation of Body-Worn Cameras

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: The Rhode Island Department of Public Safety did not receive any testimony or comments.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: None.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-161-4 requires the Department of Public Safety and Office of the Attorney General to promulgate rules and regulations for the use and operation of the Statewide Body-Worn Camera Program. Pursuant to the promulgated policy, on an annual basis, the Department of Public Safety and Office of Attorney General are required to review the policy.

The proposed amendments are the result of this annual review. The amendments are reflective of feedback received from multiple law enforcement agencies in the state. In the development of the proposed amendments, 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. The Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety have determined that 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. The proposed amendments will continue to support the objectives of the authorizing legislation with greater net benefits than other regulatory alternatives. These amendments ensure that the goals set forth in the original regulations - including providing long-term health, safety, welfare and economic benefits to the State of Rhode Island - are being met.