

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 Ethics Commission

RULE IDENTIFIER: 520-RICR-00-00-2

RULE TITLE: Ethics Commission

Subsections: 520-RICR-00-00-2.5 Annual Report Requests (36-14-9001);
520-RICR-00-00-2.9(B) Petition for Adoption of Regulations (1026); and
520-RICR-00-00-2.10 Adoption of Commission Policy and General
Commission Advisory Opinions (1027).

REASON FOR RULEMAKING:

These are amendments to the above-cited subsections of regulation 520-RICR-00-00-2 entitled Ethics Commission. The amendments are intended to address changes to the citations to the Rhode Island General Laws referenced within these subsections. The changes to the citations are based on amendments made by the Rhode Island General Assembly to the referenced statutes. The Ethics Commission is not substantively amending the text of the above-referenced regulations, but rather, updating them to reflect the current state statutes enacted by the General Assembly.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE:

N/A

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:

No testimony or comments were received.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:

There are no changes between the text of the rule as proposed and the text of the final rule.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

The proposed amendments to regulation 520-RICR-00-00-2, specifically to its subsections 520-RICR-00-00-2.5, 520-RICR-00-00-2.9(B), and 520-RICR-00-00-2.10, are consistent with the constitutional and statutory authority provided to the Ethics Commission to adopt a Code of Ethics. See R.I. Const. art. III, sec. 8 and R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-9(a)(3).

These amendments are not intended to substantively change the regulations, but rather, to address changes in the citations to the state statutes referenced in the regulations, which have become inaccurate based on amendments made to the statutes by the General Assembly through the years. There is no expected cost to implement these amendments, nor is there any alternative approach that would be feasible.