CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws §42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Office of the General Treasurer

DIVISION: Crime Victim Compensation Program

RULE IDENTIFIER: 120-RICR-00-00-2

RULE TITLE: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Crime Victim Compensation Program

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: This amendment seeks to update the rules of the Crime Victim Compensation Program in accordance with statutory changes that have recently occurred, specifically R.I. Gen. Laws §12-25-17(5), §12-25-22(a) and §12-25-21.1(a) and (f). The amendments allow victims of sexual assault to submit a medical forensic exam performed by a licensed health care provider in lieu of a police report in order to establish eligibility for funds under the State Crime Victim Compensation Program. The amendments also allow victims of violent crime receiving awards under the State's Crime Victim Compensation Program to use up to $1,000.00 of their total award to make reasonable modification to their residence to ensure their future safety.

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

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: N/A

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: N/A

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: The changes to the regulation define and set out that victims of sexual assault be allowed to submit a medical forensic exam performed by a licensed health care provider in lieu of a police report in order to establish eligibility for funds under the State Crime Victim Compensation Program. The amendments also allow victims of violent crime receiving awards under the State's Crime Victim Compensation Program to use up to $1,000.00 of their total award to make reasonable modification to their residence to ensure their future safety. This amendment seeks to update the rules and processes of the Crime Victim Compensation Program in accordance with statutory changes that have occurred, specifically R.I. Gen. Laws §12-25-17(5), §12-25-22(a) and §12-25-21.1(a) and (f). The regulation change does not impact any industry and there is no negative societal cost of compliance.