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 updates the Crime Victim Compensation Program rules to reflect recent statutory changes in R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 12-25-20 and 12-25-21(e). The revisions authorize compensation for hit-and-run victims who suffer serious bodily injury and allow victims of stalking to receive reimbursement for relocation or home-modification expenses. The amendments also remove larceny and the abominable and detestable crime against nature, including assault with intent to commit that offense, from the list of compensable crimes. In addition, the maximum amount available for relocation expenses under the emergency fund is increased to $8,000.

The proposal includes clarifying language, technical corrections, and updates necessary for consistent program administration. It also provides provide the program with the flexibility to reimburse a parent or guardian who actually incurred the expense, while recognizing the financial realities faced by many dependent college students and their families.

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 proposed amendments update the Crime Victim Compensation Program rules to align with statutory changes in R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 12-25-20 and 12-25-21(e). The revisions expand eligibility to include hit-and-run victims sustaining serious bodily injury and authorize relocation and home-modification reimbursements for victims of stalking. The amendments remove larceny and the abominable and detestable crime against nature, including assault with intent to commit that offense, from compensable categories.

The proposal also increases the maximum emergency fund allocation for relocation expenses to $8,000, adds clarifying and technical language necessary for program administration, and permits reimbursement to a parent or guardian who incurred eligible expenses on behalf of a dependent college student. The regulation change does not impact any industry and there is no negative societal cost of compliance.