

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section § 42-35-2.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: RI Department of Human Services

DIVISION: *Office of Veterans Services*

RULE IDENTIFIER: 180-RICR-20-00-1

RULE TITLE: Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The rule has been amended to reflect:

The change of the agency name from the Office of Veterans Affairs to the Office of Veterans Services.

The inclusion of honorably discharged commissioned officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or the Public Health Service among those veterans eligible for burial at the RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Provide a brief description of the reason for the adoption, amendment or repeal of the rule.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: RI General Laws, Section 30-17.1-6. Establishment of the office of veterans' affairs – Director – Renamed the office of veterans services.

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: No public comment was received

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:

- Office of Veteran Affairs name updated to Office of Veteran Services in the Title of the rule as well as in: 1.1(A), 1.1(C), 1.1(D), 1.1(E), 1.1(F), 1.5(B)(1), 1.5(C)(1)(b)(2), 1.7(A).

- 1.2 (A)(5) was added to include RI residents, or former residents, who served as a commissioned officer of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or the Public Health Service for a period of not less than two year and was discharged under honorable conditions as person eligible for burial at the RI Veterans Cemetery.
- Clarification in section 1.6 (E)(2) that the restrictions related to decorative items at the cemetery are by the federal, not state, Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Rewording of the document to more clearly define the administering of the Veteran Cemetery

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: Provide the text of the regulatory analysis prepared under § 42-35-2.9.