

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION**

**Title of Rule:** Operational Requirements for Cannabis Establishments

**Rule Identifier:** 560-RICR-10-10-2

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: December 18, 2025

End of Public Comment: January 26, 2026

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-5

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

On November 7, 2025, the Commission received a petition for rulemaking pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-6 and 560-RICR-10-05-1.31 of the Commission's regulations requesting that the Commission's regulations be amended to remove the requirement set forth in 560-RICR-10-10-2.7.2(E)(2) that all packaging containing retail ready cannabis products be clearly labeled with the business name and license number of the retail location selling the product. On November 14, 2025, the Commission voted to grant the petition and initiate rulemaking in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-6 to remove this requirement. The regulatory language amendment proposed in this notice of proposed rulemaking centers on the wording "The business or tradename and license number of the cannabis establishment selling the product;" being struck from Section 10-10-2.7.2(E)(2), and all following numbers of subsection E being renumbered to account for this deletion.

The Commission decided to grant the petition and make this change for a number of reasons, including that the information requested to be struck was largely duplicative, as cannabis product labels must already contain a unique seed-to-sale tracking number that allows the product to be tracked from initial cannabis growth to final, retail-ready form. The language that is being removed also originates from the DBR medical marijuana regulations, which were enacted prior to the current seed-to-sale tracking system being operationalized and required in the state.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until January 26, 2026 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

This amendment will provide for the removal of a prior requirement. There are currently 7 hybrid compassion centers and 57 cultivators in operation, and these licensees will no longer need to include information regarding where the product was sold from on package labels in order for the product to be considered retail ready for consumer sale.

Overall, this amendment will streamline and improve the Commission's operational provisions by removing a duplicative operational requirement to the benefit of current and future licensees. The removal of this labeling requirement will be a cost benefit to licensees as it will improve supply chain efficiency, reduce licensee labeling costs and waste, and improve regulatory consistency by aligning with other regulated cannabis markets. The Commission believes that the removal of where the product was sold from being required on cannabis product labels will not impact consumer protection, as each label is still required to contain key information related to where the product was produced as well as a unique seed-to-sale tracking number, which allows product to be traced throughout different points of the distribution system, so that the product can be tracked if any health or safety issues arise.

In summary, there is a cost savings to licensees resulting from this change in this proposed regulation, but it is difficult to quantify as labels and packaging requirements still exist. The removal of this requirement will allow cultivators and manufacturers to turn product around more quickly, as they will not need to wait to label the product until they have contracted for the sale of the product from any particular retailer so that that information can be on the label. This amendment is the result of updating in the evolution of this ever-growing industry, and the amendment keeps the interests of consumer protection at the forefront while improving and streamlining

regulatory requirements for licensees.

In the development of the proposed adoption 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.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.