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: November 13, 2026
End of Public Comment: December 13, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:
R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-5

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

On February 13, 2026 and August 26, 2026, the Commission received separate petitions for rulemaking pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-6 and 560-RICR-10-05-1.31 of the Commission's regulations. Both petitions requested that 560-RICR-10-10-2.17(B)(1) of the Commission's regulations be amended to allow for extended cannabis home delivery hours. The Commission denied these petitions, but after further research and discussion, on October 23, 2026, voted to amend the regulation to allow the hours for cannabis home delivery to be expanded from the existing hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to instead 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Commission voted to expand the hours for home delivery to be unform with the practices of neighboring states after conducting multi-state research that showed no increase in safety concerns with expanded hours. The Commission believes that the expanded delivery hours will allow retail cannabis establishments to remain competitive with nearby out of state licensees, better meet public market demands, and help the industry as a whole evolve and become more sustainable.

One additional change is being made to the regulation at the same time, which clarifies a requirement of the seed to sale tracking system used by licensees to track cannabis product. This change clarifies that the owner of a licensed cannabis establishment must be identified and credentialed as the administrator of the licensee's system to comport with the one-administrator requirement of the current system. Prior to the amendment, the regulation required that both the owner and one compliance manager be identified as system administrators, however this is not possible in the current system, which only allows one individual to be recognized as the licensee's system administrator.

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 December 13, 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 time expansion of an already permitted function of cannabis retailers. There are currently 9 retail compassion centers that are permitted to deliver cannabis products to consumers between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. and this would lessen restrictions and allow existing (and future) retailers additional hours to conduct sales of delivered cannabis products.

The seed to sale tracking system amendment related to the licensee's system administrator will require the compliance of all cannabis establishments, including the 9 retail compassion centers and the 55 cultivators. This requirement, however, is already in place due to the impossibility of having two administrators identified in the current system for each licensee.

Overall, the delivery time amendment improves the Commission's operational provisions to the benefit of current and future retail licensees and the cannabis industry as a whole. This amendment will benefit licensees as it will improve retailers ability to sell product and align with other regulated cannabis markets, and will likely result in increased tax revenue to the state and host communities.

The seed to sale tracking system amendment will provide clarity to licensees and adjust the regulation to reflect current practice.

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