

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

**AGENCY:** Department of State

**DIVISION:** State Archives, Library & Public Information

**RULE IDENTIFIER:** 100-RICR-40-15-3

**RULE TITLE:** Acquisition of Land – Registry of Leases

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:** The purpose of this Part is to assist and ensure compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-6-30 requiring electronic filing of a registry of all land leases by January 1, 2009, and the subsequent filing of all leases entered into after that date by the State and all its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, officers, or agencies with the Department of State. While previous versions of this Part contained all of the information required by statute, the Department determined that it was not written in plain language and was difficult to understand. Additionally, the Department sought to remove language that directly repeated language from statute.

**TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:** The Department did not receive any comments during the public comment period.

**CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:** In § 3.5(A) of this Part, the Department changed the words “shall transfer” to “transferred” to more clearly indicate that the initial transfer of the complete registry of leases was completed before the statutory deadline of January 1, 2009.

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:** This amendment will have little to no economic impact and will not affect the small business climate in Rhode Island. The procedure for filing leases and certificates of compliance in the Registry of Leases application is not associated with any costs.