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**CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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

**AGENCY:** [agency name]

**DIVISION:** [agency division, if applicable]

**RULE IDENTIFIER:** [XX-RICR-XX-XX-X]

**RULE TITLE:**

[full title of the rule]

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:**
[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:**
[List finding(s), if any]

**TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:**
[Provide the reasons for not accepting arguments made in testimony and comments.]

**CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:**

[Identify any changes between the text of the Rule as proposed and the text of the Final Rule and explain why these changes were made to the final text. Note that an agency may not file a Rule that differs from the Rule proposed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking unless the Final Rule is consistent with, and a logical outgrowth of, the Rule proposed in the Notice.]

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:**

[Provide the text of the regulatory analysis prepared under R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.9.