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INTRODUCTION

These amended Rules and Regulations for the Registration of Tanning Facilities (R23-68-TAN) are promulgated pursuant to the authority conferred under section 23-68-8 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, for the purpose of adopting minimum standards for the registration of tanning facilities in this state.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 42-35-3(c) of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, the following were given consideration in arriving at the amended regulations: (1) alternative approaches to the regulations; and (2) duplication or overlap with other state regulations. No alternative approach, overlap or duplication was identified based on available information.

These amended regulations shall supersede all previous Rules and Regulations for the Registration of Tanning Facilities promulgated by the Department of Health and filed with the Secretary of State.
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PART I  PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.0  PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1.1 The purpose of these regulations is to regulate tanning facilities to minimize the risks associated with tanning by artificial ultraviolet light. These risks include, but may not be limited to:

1.1.1 Sunburn;
1.1.2 Premature aging of the skin;
1.1.3 Skin cancer;
1.1.4 Retinal damage;
1.1.5 Formation of cataracts;
1.1.6 Suppression of the immune system;
1.1.7 Damage to the vascular system; and
1.1.8 Communication of disease due to improper sanitation of tanning devices.

SECTION 2.0  DEFINITIONS

Wherever used in these regulations, these terms shall be construed as follows:


2.2 "Department" means the Rhode Island Department of Health.

2.3 "Director" means the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

2.4 "EPA" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

2.5 "FDA" means the United States Food and Drug Administration.

2.6 "Minor" means any individual under the age of eighteen.

2.7 "Other compensation" means the payment or exchange of goods, services or anything of value for use of the tanning device or devices.

2.8 "Patron" means any member of the public who is provided access to a tanning device in exchange for a fee or other compensation, or any individual who, in exchange for a fee or other compensation, is afforded use of a tanning device as a condition or benefit of membership or access.

2.9 "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, firm, association, trust, estate, public or private institution, group, agency, political subdivision of this state, any other state or political subdivision or agency thereof, and any legal successor, representative, agent or agency of these entities.

2.10 "Protective eyewear" means suitable eyewear that protects the eye from ultraviolet radiation and allows adequate vision.
2.11 "Registrant" means any person who is registered with the Department as required by provisions of these regulations.

2.12 "Registration" means registration with the Department in accordance with provisions of these regulations.

2.13 "Safe level" means not more than 50 colonies of microorganisms per four square inches of equipment surface.

2.14 "Sanitization" means the effective bactericidal treatment of surfaces of equipment and devices by an EPA or FDA registered product which provides a sufficient concentration of chemicals, allowing enough time to reduce the bacterial count, including pathogens, to a safe level. Chemical germicides that are registered with the EPA as hospital disinfectants, when used at recommended dilutions and directions, may be approved for sanitizing tanning devices.

2.15 "Sunlamp product" means any equipment used for tanning of the skin that emits electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths in the air between 200 and 400 nanometers including, but not limited to, a sunlamp, ultraviolet lamp, tanning booth, facial unit, UVA wand, or tanning bed.

2.16 "Tanning device" means any equipment used during the process of skin tanning with a sunlamp product, such as any sunlamp product and any accompanying equipment, including, but not limited to, timers, ballasts, starters, lamps, reflectors, cooling fans, acrylics, comfort pillows and handrails.

2.17 "Tanning facility" means any location, place, area, structure, or business that either as a sole service or in conjunction with other services, provides patrons with access to sunlamps, ultraviolet lamps or other equipment intended to induce skin tanning through the irradiation of any part of the human body for cosmetic or non-medical purposes.

2.18 "Timer" means a device provided to terminate the exposure at a preset time interval.

2.19 "Ultraviolet radiation" means radiation that has a wavelength between two hundred nanometers and four hundred nanometers.
PART II  REGISTRATION

SECTION 3.0  REQUIREMENTS. APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION FEE

3.1 It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or other entity to own, maintain, conduct, or operate a tanning facility in the state without having been registered with the Rhode Island Department of Health pursuant to the provisions of section 23-68-6 of the Act and the rules and regulations herein.

3.2 Each tanning facility shall be registered prior to operation. The registrant shall file an application with the Department and pay applicable fee(s) specified in these regulations to register each tanning facility.

3.2.1 If the registrant owns or operates more than one such tanning facility, the registrant shall file a separate application for each tanning facility owned or operated.

3.3 Registrations are issued to one person for one tanning facility and are non-transferable.

3.4 As a requirement for registration, each tanning facility shall maintain evidence of holding liability insurance.

3.5 Registration application shall be made on forms furnished by the Department and shall contain all the information required by the form and accompanying instructions.

3.6 A certificate of registration will be issued by the Department upon a determination that the applicant has provided all of the information required by the application, meets the requirements of the Act and the regulations herein, and has paid the application fee of two hundred and thirty dollars ($230).

3.6.1 The certificate of registration expires annually on the date shown on the registration.

3.6.2 Except as provided in section 3.8, no person shall operate or maintain a tanning facility without a current and valid certificate of registration.

3.6.3 The certificate shall be displayed in a conspicuous place on the premises of the tanning facility.

3.7 The registrant shall notify the Department in writing before making any change which would render the information contained in the application for registration or the validation of registration no longer accurate.

3.8 Any tanning facility already in existence at the time of the effective date of these regulations may continue to operate, provided that a valid registration application is filed as required by this section and the registration fee is remitted with the application.

3.8.1 Any existing tanning facility that does not meet the requirements of these regulations may be prohibited from continuing to operate until the Department determines that the requirements have been met.
SECTION 4.0  RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

4.1 All registrations issued under the provisions of these rules and regulations shall be required to be renewed annually by the registrants.

4.1.1 A registration, unless sooner suspended or revoked, shall expire by limitation one (1) year following its issuance. Said registration may be renewed from year to year after approval by the Department, provided the applicant meets the appropriate statutory and regulatory requirements herein.

4.2 Registration renewal application shall be made on forms furnished by the Department and shall contain all the information required by the form and accompanying instructions.

4.3 An annual tanning facility registration renewal fee of two hundred and thirty dollars ($230) shall be made payable by check or money order to the General Treasurer, state of Rhode Island and shall accompany the application renewal form provided by the Department.

4.4 The application for registration renewals and renewal fees shall be received by the Department on or before the expiration date of said registration.

SECTION 5.0  INSPECTIONS

5.1 The Department shall make, or cause to be made, such inspections and investigations as it deems necessary in accordance with Section 23-68-5 of reference 1 and the regulations herein.

5.2 Every tanning facility shall be given prompt notice by the Department of all deficiencies reported as a result of an inspection or investigation.

5.3 Written reports and recommendations of inspections shall be maintained on file in each tanning facility for a period of no less than five (5) years.
PART III: PROTECTION OF PATRONS

SECTION 6.0  WARNING STATEMENT

6.1 At each patron's initial visit to a tanning facility, and at least annually thereafter, the patron shall be provided a written statement containing the following information to review and sign:

6.1.1 Not wearing protective eyewear while tanning may cause injury to the eyes;

6.1.2 Overexposure to the tanning process may cause burns;

6.1.3 Repeated exposure to the tanning process may cause skin cancer or premature aging of the skin or both;

6.1.4 Abnormal skin sensitivity or burning may result from the tanning process if the patron is also consuming or using certain:
   a) Foods;
   b) Cosmetics; or
   c) Medications, such as tranquilizers, antibiotics, diuretics, high blood pressure medication, antineoplastic or birth control pills;

6.1.5 Any person taking a prescription or over-the-counter drug should consult a physician or a registered pharmacist before using a sunlamp product; and

6.1.6 During pregnancy a woman should consult with her health care provider before tanning.

6.2 A copy of this signed statement shall be maintained in the patron's record, as described in section 14.0 herein.

6.3 The registrant shall be responsible for complying with the requirements of section 6.0 herein.

SECTION 7.0  WARNING SIGN

7.1 Pursuant to section 23-68-4(4) of the Act, the registrant shall conspicuously post the warning sign described in section 7.2 below within one meter (39.37 inches) of each sunlamp product and in such a manner that the sign is clearly visible, not obstructed by any barrier, equipment or other object, and can be easily viewed by the patron before operating the sunlamp product.

7.1.1 A similar sign containing at least the information listed in section 7.2 below that complies with all other applicable state and federal laws, codes and regulations may be used instead.

7.2 This warning sign shall use upper and lower case letters which are at least ten millimeters (0.39 inches) and five millimeters (0.20 inches) in height, as follows:
DANGER - ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION
Follow Instructions.
Avoid Overexposure.

SECTION 8.0  **PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR**

8.1 The registrant shall require that each patron wear protective eyewear during the use of sunlamp products.

8.1.1 The registrant shall provide such protective eyewear, unless the patron furnishes his or her own protective eyewear which meets the requirements of herein.

8.2 The tanning facility registrant shall be responsible to ensure that patrons have the protective eyewear required by this section before each tanning session and shall make a reasonable effort to ensure that this eyewear is worn during tanning.

8.3 The protective eyewear required by this rule shall meet the requirements of 21 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1040.20(c)(4)(i).

8.4 Any reusable protective eyewear furnished by the registrant shall be sanitized in accordance with section 10.2 herein.

SECTION 9.0  **POLICY AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PATRON SAFETY**

9.1 The registrant shall maintain a list of the common photosensitizing agents as provided by the FDA, or other appropriate authorities, available for review by patrons.

9.2 At each tanning facility, the registrant shall keep a list of emergency contact numbers appropriate for the community in which the facility is located. This list shall be easily accessible and shall include, but not be limited to, contact numbers for:

9.2.1 The nearest hospital;

9.2.2 The nearest fire department; and

9.2.3 Emergency 911 service.

9.3 At least one trained staff member is required on-site at all times when the tanning facility is in operation.

9.4 Only one patron may be in a tanning room at one time, with the following exceptions:

a) If two or more sunlamp products are used in the same room, in which case only those patrons using sunlamp products may be present in the room; and

b) If a patron using a sunlamp product needs aid or assistance from another person, in which case that individual shall also be provided with and wear protective eyewear.
Exposure of Minors

9.5 No patron under the age of 18 shall be allowed to use a sunlamp product without written consent from a parent or legal guardian.

9.5.1 Written consent shall be provided at the facility in the presence of a facility staff member, with the parent or legal guardian understanding the potential risks involved in overexposure.

9.5.2 A sign shall be posted in clear view at or near the reception area with the following text: "INDIVIDUALS UNDER AGE 18 ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGN AUTHORIZATION IN THE PRESENCE OF TANNING FACILITY STAFF FOR PERMISSION TO TAN."

9.6 Infants and other minors are not permitted to be in the sunlamp product room during exposure of parents or guardians.

Exposure Limits and Other Controls Against Overexposure

9.7 The registrant shall ensure that each patron using a sunlamp product shall be instructed on the maximum exposure time and proper exposure distance, as recommended by the manufacturer of the product.

9.8 The registrant shall ensure that each patron does not exceed the maximum exposure time indicated by the sunlamp product manufacturer.

9.8.1 The registrant shall limit exposure time to the recommended maximum exposure time provided by the product manufacturer on the sunlamp product or in the product operating manual. The maximum exposure time recommended by the manufacturer of the product shall not be exceeded in any 24-hour period.

9.8.2 Initial tanning sessions (three to five) are limited to one tanning session per 48-hour period or as recommended by the sunlamp product manufacturer, whichever is less frequent, to allow adequate time for melanin activation and transit to occur prior to subsequent exposures. Patrons shall be advised of the manufacturer's recommended exposure schedule as posted on the sunlamp product or listed in the operating manual for the product prior to the initial tanning sessions.

9.8.3 After the initial (three to five) tanning exposures, tanning sessions are limited to one tanning session per 24-hour period or as recommended by the sunlamp product manufacturer, whichever is less frequent. Patrons shall be advised of the manufacturer's exposure schedule as posted on the sunlamp product or listed in the operating manual for the sunlamp product prior to tanning.

9.8.4 For patrons with annual tanning packages, package maximums shall not exceed the maximum amount of exposure recommended by the product manufacturer.

9.9 Tanning facilities are prohibited from controlling the use of sunlamp products solely with token timer control systems, in the absence of trained staff.
9.10 Tanning facilities using token timer control systems shall ensure that the patron is not provided with a number of tokens such that overexposure may occur, based on the patron's skin type.

9.11 The registrant shall ensure the patron is instructed as to the location and proper operation of the sunlamp product's emergency shut-off switch.

9.12 The registrant shall establish and use a procedure manual that will aid in the protection of the patron from excessive or unnecessary exposure to ultraviolet light.

9.12.1 This manual shall be specific to the facility and shall include at least documentation of the requirements detailed in these rules and regulations.

9.12.2 A copy of this manual shall be kept on-site and readily available at all times when the tanning facility is in operation.

9.12.3 This procedure manual may be developed as part of the training manual described in section 13.2 herein, provided the above requirements are met.
PART IV:  PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

SECTION 10.0 CONSTRUCTION, SANITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TANNING FACILITIES

10.1 Each tanning facility shall be constructed to meet the following minimum requirements:

10.1.1 All tanning facilities shall be equipped with convenient toilet facilities and dressing rooms. At a minimum, such toilet facilities shall include a water closet, a hand-washing sink and a safe and sanitary supply of water. Such toilet and dressing rooms shall be properly maintained, as well as meet all federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations.

10.1.2 The sunlamp products shall meet the requirements of section 10.0 herein and all other applicable federal and state requirements.

10.1.3 The physical facility shall be constructed such that:

a) All areas of the tanning facility shall be ventilated with at least six air changes per hour or as otherwise required by local code; and

b) Tanning booth temperature shall be maintained below 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Centigrade) during sunlamp product operation.

10.1.4 Except as otherwise required by these regulations, each tanning facility shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable local and state codes.

10.2 Each tanning facility shall be cleaned and maintained to meet the following minimum requirements:

10.2.1 All areas of the tanning facility, including tanning devices, equipment and apparatus, shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

10.2.2 The tanning device(s) and protective eyewear shall be cleaned with an EPA-approved sanitizer after each use, unless the facility provides sanitary disposable clear plastic sheets for application and disposal after each patron use of a tanning device. Suitable written instructions shall be posted to provide adequate guidance to patrons using sanitary sheets.

a) Facilities using disposable clear plastic sheets to cover the surface of a tanning device shall be required to clean and sanitize those tanning devices periodically throughout each day the tanning devices are being used by patrons.

b) Disposable eyewear designed for one use only are exempt from this requirement provided that they are disposed of and not reused by any other patron.

c) Tanning devices shall be cleaned and sanitized according to the following minimum provisions:

i) A clean paper or cloth towel shall be used each time the tanning device is cleaned and sanitized;
ii) The sanitizer used shall be one specifically manufactured for sanitizing ultraviolet light-emitting equipment and protective eyewear and that does not damage the acrylic lamp covers of the sunlamp product.

iii) The ultraviolet light produced by a sunlamp product itself is not considered an adequate sanitizing agent.

10.2.3 A test kit or other device that accurately measures the concentration of the sanitizing solution in parts per million (ppm) shall be used to measure the strength of the sanitizing solution when the concentrate and water dilution is initially prepared and at least weekly thereafter to ensure sufficient strength of the sanitizing solution.

a) If a suitable test kit is not available for an approved sanitizer, the laboratory analysis data shall be provided by the product manufacturer, and a copy shall be on file with the Department.

10.2.4 Written procedures maintained at the facility shall include proper mixing and handling instructions for each sanitizer used, so as to ensure proper concentration of the sanitizer.

10.2.5 Except as otherwise required by these regulations, each tanning facility shall be cleaned and maintained in accordance with all applicable local and state codes.

10.3 Clean sanitary towels shall be available to all patrons using tanning facilities.

10.4 A hamper or other receptacle shall be provided for all soiled towels and linen.

10.5 No pets or other animals shall be permitted in tanning rooms at any time, other than seeing eye dogs or hearing assistance dogs.

SECTION 11.0  EQUIPMENT

11.1 The registrant shall use only sunlamp products manufactured in accordance with the specifications set forth in 21 CFR Part 1040.20, "Sunlamp Products and ultraviolet lamps Intended for Use in Sunlamp Products."

11.1.1 The sunlamp products shall meet the National Fire Protection Association's National Electrical Code, or be approved by the Underwriter Laboratories (UL) or Electrical Testing Laboratories (ETL).

11.2 Each sunlamp product or ultraviolet lamp used in tanning facilities shall not emit measurable ultraviolet C radiation.

11.3 Each ultraviolet lamp contained within the sunlamp product shall be shielded so as to not come into contact with the patron.

11.4 The construction of the sunlamp product shall be such that it will have the strength to withstand the stress of use and the impact of a falling person.
11.4.1 Entry to stand-up sunlamp products shall be of rigid construction with doors which are non-locking and open outwardly.

11.5 The appropriate position the patron is to assume prior to operation shall be clearly marked on each sunlamp product.

11.6 Each sunlamp product shall prominently display the following label or equivalent warning/information label:

**DANGER - ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION**
**FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**
**DO NOT ENTER WITHOUT PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR**

11.7 Reasonable means shall be provided to enable a patron to summon assistance from the exposure position.

11.8 Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) replacement parts (or their equivalent) shall be used, if available, to prevent UL/ETL de-listing of sunlamp products. All local, state and national electrical codes shall be observed during installation.

11.9 Defective or burned out tanning lamps or bulbs shall be replaced with a type intended for use in the sunlamp product, shall be of the same ultraviolet range (A or B) as specified by the manufacturer, and shall be the original lamp type as specified by the manufacturer, or shall be certified as an equivalent lamp per 21 CFR 1040.20 (c)(5).

11.9.1 If equivalent lamps are used instead of the required OEM lamps, a copy of the equivalency certification provided by the lamp supplier shall be maintained on file for review by the Department.

11.10 Defective or burned out tanning lamps and tanning lamps which have been operated in a sunlamp product for the manufacturer's maximum rated lamp hour life shall be disposed of in a safe and proper manner to prevent unauthorized and unsafe use as lighting devices. Used tanning lamps are prohibited from being resold for any purpose.

11.11 Each sunlamp product shall have a timer which complies with the requirements of 21 CFR Part 1040.20 (c)(2).

11.11.1 The maximum timer interval shall not exceed the manufacturer's maximum recommended exposure time.

11.11.2 Each timer shall be functional and accurate to within ±10% of the maximum timer interval of the product as required by 21 CFR Part 1040.20 (c)(2)(iii).

11.11.3 The registrant shall ensure that the timer is tested annually for accuracy.

11.11.4 Sunlamp product timers shall be controlled by properly trained staff.

11.11.5 New facilities (including existing facilities with change of ownership) shall install remote timer controls prior to the operation of sunlamp products. Existing sunlamp products not
equipped with a remote timer control system are required to have remote timer controls (outside of sunlamp product room) installed no later than May 1, 2000.

11.12 In addition to a timer, each sunlamp product shall be equipped with an emergency shut-off mechanism to allow manual termination of the UV exposure by the patron, as required by 21 CFR Part 1040.20(c)(3).

11.13 The minimum requirements of the manufacturer shall be maintained for all sunlamp products.

11.14 Each sunlamp product shall be equipped with an hour meter to accurately determine lamp hour use.

11.14.1 Lamp hour use as indicated by the hour meter shall be recorded at each episode of maintenance service for each product, as specified in section 14.10.3.

11.15 Sunlamp products which do not meet the provisions of this section shall not be operated.
PART V:    ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 12.0    GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

12.1 The registrant shall be responsible for directing the operation of the tanning facility which has been registered with the Department. That registrant shall assure that the provisions of these regulations are met in the operation of a tanning facility.

12.2 The registrant shall ensure that the tanning facility complies with all applicable federal, state and local codes, laws and regulations.

SECTION 13.0    TRAINING OF PERSONNEL

13.1 Prior to July 1, 1999, all registered tanning facilities in the state of Rhode Island shall have completed the staff training requirements listed in section 13.2 below.

13.2 The registrant shall certify that all tanning facility staff are adequately trained and have been issued a training manual established for that facility. This training and manual shall include, but not be limited to, coverage of the following provisions:

13.2.1 The requirements of these regulations;

13.2.2 Procedures for correct operation of the tanning facility and sunlamp products;

13.2.3 Guidelines for the recognition of injury or overexposure to ultraviolet radiation;

13.2.4 The sunlamp product manufacturer's procedures for operation and maintenance of the sunlamp products;

13.2.5 Guidelines for the determination of skin type of customers and appropriate determination of duration of exposure to sunlamp products;

13.2.6 Procedures for the use of minor and patron consent forms;

13.2.6 Emergency procedures to be followed in case of injury;

13.2.7 Potential photosensitizing foods, cosmetics, and medications;

13.2.8 Requirements for the proper use of protective eyewear; and

13.2.9 Proper sanitizing procedures for eyewear, facility, and devices.

13.3 The registrant may use vendor-provided information in establishing the facility's training manual, provided that this material contains all of the above information.

13.5 Staff training shall be documented by the registrant. Such documentation shall include the dates and times of the training, as well as the subjects covered in each training session.
SECTION 14.0  **RECORDS AND REPORTS**

14.1 The registrant shall be responsible to maintain all records as described herein.

14.2 All required records shall be maintained for a minimum of three years and shall be available for review by the Department.

14.3 All records shall be maintained in either an electronic format or a printed format.

**Patron Records**

14.4 The registrant shall maintain a record of each patron's total number of tanning visits, dates and durations of tanning exposures.

14.5 The registrant shall maintain a record of each patron's signature and acknowledgment that he/she understands the potential risks involved with exposure and overexposure to ultraviolet radiation and he/she has reviewed a photosensitizing drug list.

14.6 The registrant shall maintain all records of parental consent regarding minors.

14.7 Within five working days after occurrence, the registrant shall submit to the Department a written report of each actual or alleged injury that results from the use of registered sunlamp products for which medical attention was sought or obtained. The report shall include:

14.7.1 The name of the injured individual(s);

14.7.2 The name, location and phone number of the tanning facility involved;

14.7.3 The nature of the actual or alleged injury(ies); and

14.7.4 Any other information relevant to the actual or alleged injury(ies) to include the date and duration of exposure and any documentation of medical attention sought or obtained.

**Training and Equipment Records**

14.8 The registrant shall maintain a record of staff training as required in section 13.0 herein.

14.9 The registrant shall maintain records showing the results of annual timer tests.

14.10 The registrant shall maintain the following information for each sunlamp product:

14.10.1 Manufacturer's equipment manual and any other service-related material or instruction;

14.10.2 The exposure schedule provided by the manufacturer; and

14.10.3 Records of surveys, inspections, maintenance and modifications performed on the sunlamp product, including the names of persons performing such services, the date of service and the hour meter reading of the product serviced.
14.11 The registrant shall maintain records showing the receipt, transfer, repair and disposal of all sunlamp products and lamps.

SECTION 15.0 ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION

15.1 No person or establishment registered under the statutory and regulatory provisions herein shall use or cause or promote the use of any advertising, promotional literature, testimonial, guarantee, warranty, label, brand, insignia or any other representation, however disseminated or published, which is misleading, deceptive or untruthful.

15.2 No person or facility shall advertise or promote tanning packages labeled as "unlimited" unless information regarding maximum exposure schedules are included in such advertisements.

15.2.1 Promotion of annual tanning packages shall include a written statement listing the total number of sessions allowed per person per year, as listed in section 9.8 herein.
PART VI:  PENALTIES, PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES AND SEVERABILITY

SECTION 16.0  DENIAL, REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION

16.1  The Department is authorized to deny an application for the issuance of a registration or to revoke or suspend any registration issued if the statutory and regulatory provisions herein are not met.

16.2  Whenever an action shall be proposed to deny, revoke or suspend a registration, the Department shall notify the applicant by certified mail, setting forth reasons for the proposed action. The applicant shall be given an opportunity for a prompt and fair hearing, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Rhode Island Department of Health Regarding Practices and Procedures Before the Department of Health and Access to Public Records of the Department of Health (R42-35-PP) of reference 3.

16.3  If the Department finds that the public health, safety or welfare of the public requires emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, the Department may order summary suspension of a registration pending proceedings for revocation or other action in accordance with sections 42-35-14 (c) and section 23-1-21 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.

SECTION 17.0  VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

17.1  In accordance with section 23-68-7 of the Act, any person, firm or corporation who violates the provisions of the Act shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500) for the first offense and by a fine not more than one thousand dollars ($1000) for each subsequent offense.

SECTION 18.0  SEVERABILITY

18.1  If any provision of these rules and regulations or the application thereof to any individual or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions or application of the regulations which can be given effect, and to this end the provisions of these regulations are declared to be severable.
REFERENCES

