



Rhode Island Department of Health

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health has determined to amend the *Rules and Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health [R23-1-17-Fee]* for the purpose implementing the pro-rating of initial registration fees for food-service facilities, as mandated by PL 2014-435 and PI 2014-469, and to eliminate fees for two “graduate status” license categories that are no longer being issued. These amendments are proposed pursuant to the authority contained in [Chapter 42-35](#) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of §42-35-3(a)(2) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, that the Director is affording all interested persons the opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments in writing on this matter. Opportunity for public hearing shall be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a government subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members. *Otherwise, no hearing shall be convened* and the regulations will be filed with the Rhode Island Secretary of State pursuant to Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, shortly after the [15 December 2014](#) deadline (as below).

Such input or requests for public hearing must be received in writing [no later than Monday, 15 December 2014](#). Such input or requests should be addressed to: Michael Fine, M.D., Director, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Room #401, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5097.

In the development of the amendments, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions and (3) financial impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

Copies of the proposed regulations are available for public inspection in the Cannon Building, Room #201, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5097, on the Secretary of State’s website: <http://www.sos.ri.gov/ProposedRules/>, by calling 401-222-7767 or by e-mail to Bill.Dundulis@health.ri.gov.

Signed this 25th day of October 2014

Original signed by Michael Fine, MD

Michael Fine, M.D., Director of Health