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Proposed Rules And Regulations Pertaining to Preliminary Breath Testing and Standards for the Determination of the Amount of Alcohol and/or Drugs in a Person's Blood by Chemical Analysis of the Breath, Blood and/or Urine or Other Bodily Substances

Community Review Meeting Minutes
23 February 2006

Persons in Attendance: Dave Uliss, Ph.D., Richard Minogue, Al Guisti, Elizabeth Shelov.

These regulations are proposed in accordance with Chapter 31-27 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended. HEALTH is authorized to maintain a list of breath-testing instruments that may be used by state and municipal police departments. In sections 3.0 and 6.0, the list is removed from the regulations and proposed to be maintained on HEALTH's website.

Section 8.2 streamlines the process that the breath analysis operator must perform to determine the suspect's blood alcohol content. Specifically, the 30 minute waiting period between tests (two tests being required per subject) has been shortened to less than 15 minutes.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive input from members of the community regarding the proposed changes. As there were no members of the community present at the meeting, the Department of Health staff group adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,
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