



State of Rhode Island
Office of the General Treasurer

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The Honorable Evan Shanley
Chair, House Committee on State Government and Elections

The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections

RE: *2026-H 8297, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government – Administrative Procedures*

Chair Shanley,

I write in support of 2026-H 8297, which will simplify and improve the refiling process for rules and regulations under the Rhode Island Administrative Procedures Act (“APA”). Specifically, this legislation will allow agencies like the Office of the General Treasurer (“Treasury”) to refile rules and regulations through an online attestation that they remain active and effective.

Currently, the Rules Coordinator for each state agency is required to submit a period refile for each active rule or regulation. This is considered a “rulemaking action” under the APA and triggers a review process through the Department of State. On completion of that review, the agency Coordinator must then refile each Rule. Treasury maintains six different regulatory schemes that govern internal Treasury programs. This process is time consuming and is a needless administrative burden.

I respectfully urge the Committee to support this good-government initiative from the Secretary of State’s Office that will streamline government processes, reduce cost, and ensure our Office can continue to work on behalf of the people of Rhode Island.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly or to my Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs, Robert Craven, Jr., at Robert.CravenJr@treasury.ri.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JDiossa", written over a circular scribble.

James A. Diossa
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cc: The Honorable Earl Read