

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the General Treasurer
Crime Victims Compensation Program

Public Notice of Proposed Rule-Making

Pursuant to the provisions of §12-25 of the General laws of Rhode Island, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act §42-35 of the General Laws, the Crime Victims Compensation Program hereby gives notice of its intent to amend Section 1.07(5) Order of Payments for Homicide Claims.

The purpose of this amendment is to establish the prioritization for payment of compensation shall be as follows:

Funeral expenses up to \$5,000.00, provided that in the event such claims in the aggregate exceed \$25,000.00, the residue shall be awarded among the heirs of the deceased in the same manner real estates descend and pass as set forth in RIGL 33-1-1:

- (1) First to his children, if there are any.
- (2) Second if there be no children, then to the parents.
- (3) Third, if there is no parent, then to the brothers and sisters of the intestate.
- (4) Medical bills for which the deceased's estate is responsible.

The proposed rule and concise summary of non-technical amendments are available for public inspection at www.treasury.ri.gov/crimevictim, in person at the Office of the General Treasurer, State House Room 102, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, by emailing anatale@treasury.ri.gov or by calling (401)222-2397 .

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

All interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed regulations from July 9, 2009 to August 28, 2009. A public hearing to consider the proposed amendment shall be held in State House Room 135, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 at 10 a.m. on August 28, 2009 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be hear. The room is accessible to the disabled and interpreter services for the hearing impaired will be provided if requested 48 hours prior to the hearing. Requests for this service can be made in writing or by calling (401)222-2397 or TTY 711.