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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
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EFFECTIVE: August 9, 2018

PURPOSE: Rhode Island 1 & 2 Family Code SBC 2 to allow less than thirty (30) day rentals without a change of use of 1 & 2 Family.

AMMEND: Rhode Island Building Code (SBC-1-2013), 3408.1
Conformance

3408.1 Conformance. No change shall be made in the use or occupancy of any building that would place the building in a different division of the same group of occupancies or in a different group of occupancies, unless such building is made to comply with the requirements of this code for such division or group of occupancies. Subject to the approval of the *building official*, the use or occupancy of existing buildings shall be permitted to be changed and the building is allowed to be occupied for purposes in other groups without conforming to all the requirements of this code for those groups, provided the new or proposed use is less hazardous, based on life and fire risk, than the existing one.

Exception: Any one or two-family dwelling pursuant to the Rhode Island One and Two-Family Dwelling Code (SBC-2) that is subsequently rented, leased or otherwise occupied for any period of time shall not be deemed to be a change of use or occupancy based solely on the duration of the tenancy agreement terms.

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