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**Re: Notice of Proposed Amendments
Hoisting Engineer Regulations (260-RICR-30-15-8)**

Dear Tree Service Industry Stakeholders:

The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (“DLT”) is providing advance notice that it intends to propose amendments to the Hoisting Engineer regulations, 260-RICR-30-15-8, of interest to tree service companies operating in Rhode Island.

The anticipated amendments would clarify the applicability of existing hoisting licensure and operational requirements to tree service companies and their personnel when hoisting machinery is used. Specifically, the proposal is expected to clarify the scope of existing statutory exemptions by adding definitions for the terms “Agriculturist,” “Horticulturist,” and “Tree Service Company;” and add an impairment provision prohibiting the operation of hoisting machinery while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

DLT anticipates publishing the proposed regulations for public comment in the coming weeks. Once published, the proposed regulatory text and related materials will be available on DLT’s proposed regulations page at <https://dlt.ri.gov/about-us/proposed-regulations> and on the Rhode Island Department of State’s proposed regulations index at <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/Index/Proposed>.

Interested parties will have an opportunity to review the proposal and submit written comments during the public comment period. We encourage you to monitor the links above for publication and for instructions on how to submit comments. DLT welcomes your input and participation in this rulemaking process.

Contact DLT.PROFREGS@DLT.RI.GOV with any questions.

Sincerely,

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