



## REGULATION AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

### **REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH THE METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF BLOOD AND BREATH SAMPLES BY MEANS OF PROBABLE CAUSE (TERM EQUIVALENT IN SPANISH FOR "MOTIVOS FUNDADOS DE LA INTERVENCIÓN) OF DRIVERS UNDER THE INFLUENCE, BY THE USE OF ALCOHOL, LEGAL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS.**

By virtue of the powers and faculties conferred by Law No. 22 of January 7, 2000, as amended, known as "Puerto Rico Vehicle and Traffic Act", the Secretary of Health intends to adopt the following regulations: *Regulations to establish the methods and procedures for the collection and analysis of blood and breath samples by means of probable cause of drivers under the influence, by the use of alcohol, legal or illegal drugs.* The proposed regulation establishes the measures and standards to follow in the collection and handling of blood samples to measure the concentration of alcohol, drugs and controlled substances that are carried out to impaired drivers intervened by the Puerto Rico Police, municipal police or any authorized officer.

**A public hearing for the proposed regulation will be held on January 15, 2020, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm,** at the Department of Health, Guillermo Arbona Conference Room, located at Building A of the Old Psychiatric Hospital, in the Medical Center complex, Río Piedras.

The public is formally invited to present any comments or suggestions within thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice. Comments can be mailed to: Department of Health, Legal Advisors Office, P.O. Box 70184, San Juan, P.R. 00936-8184. Comments and recommendations may also be submitted through e-mail: [wsostre@salud.pr.gov](mailto:wsostre@salud.pr.gov). To submit comments personally and/or to request a copy of the new regulations, visit the Legal Advisors Office of the Department of Health, Building A, Old Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Center complex, Río Piedras, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The proposed regulations will also be available at the Department's web page: <http://www.salud.gov.pr>. For more information, please contact Mrs. Wendy Sostre Maldonado at (787)765-2929, Ext. 3394.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, December 27, 2019.

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