

State of Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation

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Mandatory Reporting for Hosting Platforms

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This Bulletin is applicable to all hosting platforms, defined by R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-63.1-2(4), hosting a short-term rental, defined by R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-63.1-14(B).

Recent amendments to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-63.1-14, titled Offering residential units through a hosting platform, added subsection K which states, in part:

A hosting platform shall provide to the department of business regulation, on a quarterly basis, an electronic report, in a format determined by the department of business regulation, of the listings maintained, authorized, facilitated, or advertised by the hosting platform within the state for the applicable reporting period.

Pursuant to the statute, the report shall include the following:

- 1. Municipality where the Short-Term Rental is located;
- 2. Whether the listing is for a room or whole unit;
- 3. The total number of rentals listed on the platform;
- 4. The State Registration Number (RE.XXXXXX-STR) of each unit;
- 5. The platform-specific URL of each short-term rental listed on the platform;
- 6. The number of nights each unit was reported as occupied during the applicable period.

Reports shall be submitted to the Department no later than five (5) business days from the close of each quarter (March 31st, June 30th, September 30th, and December 31st).

For your convenience, a department-approved reporting form can be found here.

To file the report, or if you have any questions, email DBR.REInquiry@dbr.ri.gov.

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