

**New Administrative Rule under consideration
by the
State of Rhode Island
Department of Administration**

The Department of Administration (DOA) is considering adoption of an amended Rule and Regulation that would amend present Rule 5 and that relates to Leaves and Benefits of State Employees. A copy of the proposed Rule 5 may be obtained by accessing the DOA web site. Go to www.doa.state.ri.us or www.admin.ri.gov then click on "DRAFT Version RULE 5 of the Personnel Rules".

Before proceeding with the formal public hearing process in accordance with the Rhode Island Administrative Procedures Act (APA), the DOA welcomes any comments you may have concerning this proposed draft Rule 5.

Initial comments on the draft will be accepted until **Friday, September 1, 2006**, after which time a final proposed rule will be prepared and a formal public hearing date will be established. Notice of the date of the public hearing will be published in the Providence Journal. In addition, the proposed revised rule will be posted on the Department of Administration (DOA) web site.

If you would like to submit written comments on the proposed Rule 5, please direct your comments to me, Jim Pitassi, Programming Services Officer Office of Personnel Administration, at jpitassi@hr.ri.gov via e-mail or **James A. Pitassi, Jr. Office of Personnel Administration One Capitol Hill, Providence RI 02908** via regular mail.