



Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby provided that in accordance with G.L. c. 30A § 2, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”) will convene a public hearing for purposes of gathering comments, ideas, and information relative to the proposed adoption of regulations. The proposal was developed pursuant to G.L. c. 23N § 4, as part of the Commission’s regulation promulgation process, and concerns the following regulation:

205 CMR 234.00: Sports Wagering Vendors. This regulation governs the licensing and registration of sports wagering vendors, and the necessary forms named entities must complete, as well as the requirements set forth by the Commission.

Scheduled hearing date and time:

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 9:00AM EST

Given the unprecedented circumstances, Governor Charles Baker issued an order to provide limited relief from certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law to protect the health and safety of the public and individuals interested in attending public meetings during the global Coronavirus pandemic. In keeping with the guidance provided, the Commission will conduct this hearing utilizing remote collaboration technology.

CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292

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A complete copy of the draft regulation referenced above may be downloaded by visiting www.massgaming.com, clicking on ‘Regulations and Compliance’ and selecting the ‘[Proposed Rulemaking](#)’ Section. Anyone wishing to offer comments on this regulation can email Judith.Young@massgaming.gov and request the virtual hearing link to appear and speak. Alternatively, written comments may also be submitted to the same email address with ‘Regulation Comment’ in the subject line. **Comments must be received by 5:00PM EST on April 10, 2023.**

Additionally, please find the accompanying Small Business Impact Statement in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2 attached.



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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”) hereby files this Small Business Impact Statement in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §2, relative to the proposed amendment of **205 CMR 234: SPORTS WAGERING VENDORS**.

This regulation is being promulgated as part of the process of promulgating regulations governing sports wagering in the Commonwealth, and is primarily governed by G.L. c. 23N, § 4.

The proposed 205 CMR 234 applies to sports wagering vendors and the Commission. Accordingly, this regulation is unlikely to have an impact on small businesses. Under G.L. c.30A, §2, the Commission offers the following responses to the statutory questions:

1. Estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation:

This regulation is unlikely to have an impact on small businesses.

2. State the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation:

There are no projected reporting, recordkeeping, or other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with this regulation. Small businesses serving as Sports Wagering Vendors may have to be licensed or register, but, unless further licensing is later required, would not need to undertake additional reporting or recordkeeping obligations.

3. State the appropriateness of performance standards versus design standards:

The standards set forth are licensing requirements, akin to performance standards.

4. Identify regulations of the promulgating agency, or of another agency or department of the Commonwealth, which may duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation:

There are no conflicting regulations in 205 CMR, and the Commission is unaware of any conflicting or duplicating regulations of any other agency or department of the Commonwealth.

5. State whether the proposed regulation is likely to deter or encourage the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth:



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Sports wagering is a new industry in Massachusetts, and these regulations are intended to enable and encourage, not deter it.

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