

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 a regulation. The regulation was promulgated pursuant to G.L. c. 23N, § 4, as part of the Commission's regulatory process, and concern the following regulations:

205 CMR 219.00:Temporary Licensing Procedures – specifically, 205 CMR 219.04: Applying for Leave to Obtain a Renewed Temporary License

This regulation governs the issuance and renewal of temporary sports wagering licenses. The revised version of 205 CMR 219.04 provides more clarity surrounding the temporary license renewal process and aligns the language of the regulation with the Commission's intent to provide the IEB with three years to complete a durable suitability investigation of sports wagering operators.

Scheduled hearing date and time:

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 9:30AM 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.

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A complete copy of the draft regulations 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 these regulations 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 September 16, 2024.

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



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 amendments to **205 CMR 219: Temporary Licensing Procedures.**

This regulation was promulgated as part of the process of promulgating regulations governing sports wagering in the Commonwealth, and is authorized by G.L. c. 23N, §4. This regulation is unlikely to have an impact on small businesses as it governs the issuance of licenses to Sports Wagering Operators who are not 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.

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

No standards applicable to small businesses are set forth. Provided standards are 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:

This amendment is unlikely to have any impact on the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth.

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
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Dated: August 1, 2024