



Legal Division

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 regulations were promulgated pursuant to G.L. chs. 23N, § 4, and 23K, §§ 2, 4(37), and 5, as part of the Commission’s regulatory process, and concern the following regulations:

205 CMR 238.00: Additional Uniform Standards of Accounting Procedures and Internal Controls for Sports Wagering, specifically 205 CMR 238.48: Expiration of Sports Wagering Tickets and Vouchers; Payment to the Sports Wagering Control Fund

Sections within this regulation are being amended by the Commission to provide additional methods of payment to the Sports Wagering Control Fund.

205 CMR 146.00: Gaming Equipment, specifically 205 CMR 146.13: Blackjack Table; Card Reader Device; Physical Characteristics; Inspections

Sections within this regulation are being amended by the Commission to increase clarity of the table game rules of blackjack for casino personnel and patrons.

Scheduled hearing date and time:

Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 9:30 AM 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 can email Autumn.Birarelli@massgaming.gov and requesting 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 5:00 PM EST on October 27, 2025. Attached please find an invoice from the Boston Herald for an upcoming hearing notice.



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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 to **205 CMR 146.00: Gaming Equipment**, specifically section 13: *Blackjack Table; Card Reader Device; Physical Characteristics; Inspections*.

This regulation was developed as part of promulgating regulations governing the operation of gaming establishments in the Commonwealth and is primarily governed by G.L. c. 23K, §§ 2, 4(37) and 5. The proposed amendments to 205 CMR 146.13 clarifies the Blackjack table layout inscriptions.

This regulation applies directly to gaming licensees, equipment manufacturers, and Blackjack dealers; however, the proposed amendment will not impact small businesses. Under G.L. c.30A, §2, the Commission offers the following responses:

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

As the amendment applies to the licensees and equipment manufacturers, no small business will be subject to any impact.

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

There are no further projected reporting, recordkeeping, or administrative costs created by these amendments that would affect small businesses.

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

This amendment imposes a performance standard, as it prescribes alteration of Blackjack tables in casinos to provide clarity for guests and to be consistent with the Commission’s approved rules of the game of Blackjack.

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



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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 amendments to this regulation are likely to deter or encourage the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth:

As the proposed amendment clarifies the appropriate rules and inscriptions for the particular version of blackjack being offered, it will neither deter nor encourage the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth.

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
By:

s/ _____
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Dated: September 4, 2025



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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 adoption of **205 CMR 238, Additional Uniform Standards of Accounting Procedures and Internal Controls for Sports Wagering**.

This regulation is being promulgated as part of the process of updating regulations governing internal controls for sports wagering operators before the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. It sets forth the method of transferring funds from expired wagers to the sports wagering control fund.

The proposed 205 CMR 238.48 applies to sports wagering operators licensed by the Commission under G.L. c. 23N. 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:

Small businesses are unlikely to be subject to this regulation.

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:

The standards set forth are design 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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This amendment is unlikely to have any impact on the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth.

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By:

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Dated: August 28, 2025



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