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Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2-3, that the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General will hold a hybrid public hearing on **Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 at 10:00a.m.** and accept public comment through **Wednesday, November 20th at 5:00p.m.** concerning the following regulatory action:

940 C.M.R. 14.00 (Promulgated Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12, § 11K and M.G.L. c. 258C, § 4.)

The proposed updates to 940 C.M.R. 14.00 will reflect statutory changes pursuant St. 2024, c. 140 in the awards and compensation structure governed by these regulations. The updated regulations will increase the maximum award for funeral and burial expenses, ancillary expenses associated with the interment of a victim whose death is the direct result of a crime, and the maximum compensable amount under 940 CMR 14.06(13). The updated regulations will also allow for information sharing between the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General and the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance.

The in-person hearing will be held on the date and time specified above in **Conference Room B in 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02108**. To join the hearing virtually, please join at:

<https://t.ly/aXFpD>

Individuals who provide notice of their intent to testify will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers are strongly encouraged to provide notice of their intent to testify at the hearing by emailing the address below with the subject line: “*Regulation Hearing Comment – 940 CMR 14.00.*” Written comments will be accepted starting October 30th, 2024, until 5:00 p.m. on November 20th, 2024.

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A copy of the above-listed regulations may be obtained by visiting: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/attorney-generals-policy-government-affairs-division>

Small Business Impact Statement <i>(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)</i>		
940 CMR 14.00		
Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 0		
Yes ☐	No ☒	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Are performance standards more appropriate than design or operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?
Yes ☐	No ☒	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?