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Sex Offender Registry Board

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Department of Criminal Justice Information Services

Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6, §§178C-178Q and M.G.L. c. 30A, the Sex Offender Registry Board (SORB) hereby provides notice of a public hearing concerning proposed changes to 803 CMR 1.00. The amendments to 803 CMR 1.00 is to reflect changes in case law, research regarding sex offender recidivism, and agency practices. 803 CMR 1.00 governs the Sex Offender Registry Board's registration, classification, and dissemination of information of sex offenders.

The public hearing will be held remotely via Webex on Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 10:00AM through 12:00PM and can be accessed with the following information:

Link: <https://mass-sor.webex.com/mass-sor/j.php?MTID=mf6ed139904b37ab7537d7411c7b80ee5>

Alternately, you may dial in to the public hearing with the following information:

+1-408-418-9388 United States Toll

Access code: 2345 847 9879

Interested persons are encouraged, though not required, to pre-register by sending an email to sorb.legal@mass.gov with "803 CMR 1.00" as the subject line. Such optional notice must include the person's name, telephone number, and email address. Anyone who emails their intention to provide oral testimony at the hearing in advance will receive preference in the order of testimony provided. Written comments will also be accepted until Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 5:00 pm. They may be emailed to sorb.legal@mass.gov with "803 CMR 1.00" as the subject line or mailed to: Mimi N. Wong, General Counsel, SORB, PO Box 392, N. Billerica, MA 01862.

Copies of the regulation may be obtained online at www.mass.gov/sorb or by emailing sorb.legal@mass.gov with “803 CMR 1.00” as the subject line or by calling 978-740-6410.

Please find enclosed the accompanying Small Business Impact Statement. If you have any questions, please contact SORB General Counsel Mimi Wong at mimi.n.wong@mass.gov.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mimi N. Wong', written in a cursive style.

Mimi N. Wong
General Counsel

Enclosures

Small Business Impact Statement
(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

CMR No.: 803 CMR 1.00: Sex Offender Registry Board, Registration, Classification and Dissemination

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 0

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective?(Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.)
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? The proposed amendments are not likely to <i>encourage or discourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?