



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, §§ 4-5 as part of the Commission’s regulatory process, and concern the following regulations:

205 CMR 101.00: *M.G.L. c. 23K Adjudicatory proceedings*

This section regulates adjudicatory proceedings before the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and is being amended to correct an incorrect citation in 205 CMR 101.02(4). Additionally, in 205 CMR 101.03(7) and (8) the word “chairman” was changed to “chair” to ensure that phrasing is consistent throughout the regulation.

205 CMR 134.08: *Submission of Application*

This section regulates the application process for individual and vendor licensure and registration. An amendment was made to correct an incorrect citation in 205 CMR 134.08(1)(b).

205 CMR 238.32: *Restricted Patrons*

This section regulates internal control requirements regarding restricted patrons. An amendment was made to correct an incorrect citation in 205 CMR 238.32(3)(e).

205 CMR 247.07: *Acceptance of Sports Wagers*

This section governs the approved methods of funding to make sports wagers within a Sports Wagering Facility or Sports Wagering Area and is being amended to remove language that specifically permits the use of “prepaid debit cards,” and to add language to clarify the use of “sports wagering operator branded gift cards,” is permitted.

205 CMR 248.10: *Account Deposits*

This section governs the approved methods of funding a sports wagering account and is being amended to remove language that specifically permits the use of “prepaid debit cards,” and to add language to clarify the use of “sports wagering operator branded gift cards,” is permitted.

Scheduled hearing date and time:

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 9:30 AM EST

Pursuant to chapter 2 of the session acts of 2025, Governor Healey extended a 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 massgaming.com, by clicking on 'Regulations and Compliance' and selecting the '[Proposed Rulemaking](#)' Section. Anyone wishing to offer comments can email Melanie.foxx@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 5:00 PM EST on March 23, 2025.**

Additionally, please find the 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 adoption of **205 CMR 101.00: M.G.L. c. 23K Adjudicatory proceedings**. This regulation amendment is authorized by M.G.L. c. 23K, § 5.

This regulation is being promulgated as part of the process of updating regulations governing gaming in the Commonwealth. It sets forth the requirements for adjudicatory proceedings in accordance with M.G.L. c. 23K.

The proposed 205 CMR 101 applies to individuals and entities licensed by the Commission under G.L. c. 23K. 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 to encourage uniformity.

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

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
By:

/s/ Autumn Birarelli
Autumn Birarelli, Staff Attorney

Dated: February 12, 2026

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 134.00: *Licensing and registration of employees, vendors, junket enterprises and representatives, and labor organizations***, specifically **205 CMR 134.08: *Submission of Application***. This regulation amendment is authorized by M.G.L. c. 23K, § 5.

This regulation is being promulgated as part of the process of updating regulations governing gaming in the Commonwealth. It sets forth the application requirements for licensure or registration by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

The proposed 205 CMR 134.08 applies to individuals and entities applying for licensure from the Commission under G.L. c. 23K. 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:

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

Small businesses are unlikely to be subject to this regulation.

7. 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.

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

The standards set forth are design standards to encourage uniformity.

9. 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.

10. 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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Dated: February 12, 2026

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 238.00: Additional uniform standards of accounting procedures and internal controls for sports wagering**, specifically **205 CMR 238.32: Restricted Patrons**. This regulation amendment is authorized by M.G.L. c. 23N, § 4(d)(2).

This regulation is being promulgated as part of the process of updating regulations governing sports wagering in the Commonwealth. It sets forth the internal control requirements regarding restricted patrons.

The proposed 205 CMR 238.32 applies to entities 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:

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

Small businesses are unlikely to be subject to this regulation.

12. 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.

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

The standards set forth are design standards to encourage uniformity.

14. 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.

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



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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 247.00: *Uniform Standards of Sports Wagering***, specifically, **205 CMR 247.07(5): *Acceptance of Sports Wagers***.

This regulation was 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. This regulation governs the process surrounding the acceptance of sports wagers by sports wagering operators.

The regulation applies to sports wagering operators. 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:

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

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

17. 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.

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

There are no standards applicable to small businesses set forth, however, this regulation uses design standards to encourage uniformity surrounding the funding of sports wagering accounts.

19. 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.

20. 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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By:

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Dated: February 12, 2026

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 248.00: *Sports Wagering Account Management***, specifically, **CMR 248.10(2): *Account Deposits***.

This regulation was 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. This regulation governs the process surrounding the funding of sports wagering accounts.

The regulation applies to sports wagering operators. 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:

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

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

22. 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.

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

There are no standards applicable to small businesses set forth, however, this regulation uses design standards to encourage uniformity surrounding the funding of sports wagering accounts.

24. 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.

25. 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.



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