

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, 23K, §7, and 128A § 9, 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 238.01: Definitions

This regulation adds a definition for "Sports Wagering Liability."

<u>Sports Wagering Liability</u> means the amounts accepted by the Sport Wagering Operator on Sports Wagers whose outcomes have not been determined and amounts owed but unpaid on winning Sports Wagering tickets or vouchers."

205 CMR 243.00: Sports Wagering Equipment, specifically 205 CMR 243.02: Kiosks

This regulation supplements the process that was previously approved for 205 CMR 143.07 pertaining to the use of kiosks and adds a necessary cross-reference for Sports Wagering Operators.

Scheduled hearing date and time:

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. 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 <u>www.massgaming.com</u>, clicking on 'Regulations and Compliance' and selecting the '<u>Proposed</u> <u>Rulemaking</u>' Section. Anyone wishing to offer comments on these regulations can email <u>ying.wang@massgaming.gov</u> 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 P.M. EST on March 24, 2025.**

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

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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 238 ADDITIONAL UNIFORM STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES AND INTERNAL CONTROLS FOR SPORTS WAGERING**, specifically 205 CMR 238.01: Definitions.

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 governs the internal standards to which sports wagering operators must adhere to in the provision of sports wagering in the Commonwealth.

This regulation is unlikely to have an impact on small businesses as it governs the behavior of 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 regulations are 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.

Massachusetts Gaming Commission By:

/s/ Justin Stempeck Justin Stempeck, Deputy General Counsel

Dated: February 5, 2025





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 243.02 KIOSKS.**

This regulation was developed as part of the process of promulgating regulations governing sports wagering in the Commonwealth, and are primarily governed by G.L. c. 23N, §4.

The adoption of 205 CMR 243.02 applies to potential sports wagering operators, sports wagering vendors, and the Commission. 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 regulations:

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 regulations:

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:

There are no design or operational standards within the proposed regulation.

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

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 regulations are likely to deter or encourage the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth:

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

Massachusetts Gaming Commission By:

/s/ Ying Wang Ying Wang, Associate General Counsel

Dated: January 23, 2025

