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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) will conduct a public hearing for the purposes of gathering comments, ideas, and information concerning (2) new regulations: Serialization of Firearms and Registration of Firearms at 501 CMR 19.00 and 20.00.

Summary of Proposed Amendments:

An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024 requires EOPSS, in consultation with the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services, to promulgate regulations governing the registration and serialization of all firearms in the Commonwealth.

Availability of Proposed Amendments: The proposed regulations may be obtained by visiting the EOPSS website at: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-public-safety-and-security>. A written copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained by e-mailing a request to EOPSS Deputy General Counsel John H. Melander, Jr., at John.Melander@mass.gov.

Hearing Details: The hearing will be held virtually, using the Microsoft Teams platform, on May 28, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To join, please use the following link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NmU0YzYzY2UtYWQ2YS00ODdjLWFmOTUtNDk5N2Q4OTQ0ZDYz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223e861d16-48b7-4a0e-9806-8c04d81b7b2a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22281c7f88-3318-4602-94e1-655072aca885%22%7d

To join via telephone (audio only), dial 857-327-9245 and use the following conference ID: 213153085906, and password: 4FG9Du6U. If you are joining by computer, you may need to allow extra time to download Microsoft Teams. While it is not required, you are encouraged to pre-register if you are interested in offering comments at the hearing by sending an email to

Submission of Comments: Written comments or testimony in advance of the hearing are welcome and may be submitted by e-mail to John.Melander@mass.gov with a subject line stating, “Firearms Comment” or by mail to the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, One Ashburton Place, Room 2133, Boston, MA 02108, attention John H. Melander, Jr. Comments received after May 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. may not be accepted. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter should join the virtual hearing, and participants shall conduct themselves as if attending the hearing in-person.

Small Business Impact Statement

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

CMR No: 501 CMR 19.00

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

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
	<input type="checkbox"/> <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?
	<input type="checkbox"/> <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.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	businesses?
	1 X	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
	X	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
	1 X	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?
	1 X	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?

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CMR No: 501 CMR 20.00

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

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

YES	NO X	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
	YES X	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
	YES X	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
	YES X	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
	YES X	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
	YES X	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?
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