

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) and the Massachusetts State Police (MSP), hereby provide notice of a public hearing to solicit input concerning amended regulation:

1. Basic Firearms Safety Course Requirements and Firearm Instructor Certification, 515 CMR 3.00.

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, EOPSS will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of gathering comments, ideas, and information concerning this new regulation.

Summary of Proposed Amendments:

An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024 (the “Act”), made several changes to the requirements of Basic Firearms Safety courses, including a live-fire component, resulting in the need to amend 515 CMR 3.00.

Availability of Proposed New Regulation:

The proposed regulation is available on EOPSS’s website, located here:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-public-safety-and-security>.

A written copy of the proposed regulation 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 July 7, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To join, please use the following link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/295417642615538?p=9nI1TTbpN6OUmaz5ox>.

To join via telephone (audio only), please use the following credentials:

[+1 857-327-9245,,98686077#](tel:+1857327924598686077) United States, Boston

Phone conference ID: 986 860 77#

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 July 7, 2026, 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: 515 CMR 3.00: Basic Firearms Safety Course Requirements and Firearm Instructor Certification

- **Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation:**
- **Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?**
No.
- **Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?**
Yes. Firearms instructors (often sole proprietors) will have to do some additional record keeping.
- **Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?**
No.
- **Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?**
No.
- **Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?**
No.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?**
No.
- **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.)
No.
- **Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?**
No.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?**
No.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?**
No.
- **Is the regulation likely to deter the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**

No.

- **Is the regulation likely to encourage the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**

No.

- **Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**

No.