

July 3, 2026

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby provided that in accordance with G. L. c. 30A § 2, the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (“Commission”) will convene a public hearing for purposes of gathering comments, ideas, and information relative to emergency regulations revising 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*. These emergency regulations are promulgated pursuant to the Commission’s authority under St. 2016, c. 334, The Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana; St. 2022, c. 180, An Act Relative to Equity in the Cannabis Industry, St. 2026, c. 65, An Act Modernizing the Commonwealth's Cannabis Laws, M.G.L. c. 94G, Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed; and M.G.L. c. 94I, Medical Use of Marijuana.

Revised regulations for 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana.

The amendments have been made pursuant to St. 2026, c. 65, §§ 13, 29, 36, 41, 43, and 60, specifically addressing statutory changes allowing for the adult-use retail sale of up to 2 ounces of marijuana or the equivalent amount of marijuana products, license cap increase from three to six for Marijuana Retailers, a Social Equity Business 12 month exclusivity period for eligibility for any 6th Marijuana Retail licenses, license cap exceptions for persons functioning solely as a trustee during or after the sale of a Marijuana Establishment or Medical Marijuana Establishment to a licensee’s employees through an employee stock ownership plan as defined in section 407(d)(6) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. 1107(d)(6), and license cap exceptions for persons or entities possessing less than 20% equity interest in a license who does not otherwise have direct or indirect control over the operations of a license.

Revised regulations for 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

The amendments have been made pursuant to St. 2026, c. 65, §§ 13, 29, 36, 41, 43, and 60, specifically addressing the new defined statutory terms Medical Marijuana Establishment and Fully Integrated Medical Marijuana Establishment, license caps for Fully Integrated Medical Marijuana Establishments, license cap exceptions for persons functioning solely as a trustee during or after the sale of a marijuana establishment or medical marijuana establishment to a licensee’s employees through an employee stock ownership plan as defined in section 407(d)(6) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. 1107(d)(6), and license cap exceptions for persons or entities possessing less than 20% equity interest in a license who does not otherwise have direct or indirect control over the operations of a license.

Scheduled hearing date, time and location:

Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 10:00AM EST.

The Public Hearing will take place at the Commissions headquarters:

Cannabis Control Commission,
Union Station
2 Washington Square,
Worcester, MA 01604

A link to view the Public Hearing will be published at: <https://mass-cannabis-control.com/calendar/>.



In advance of the public hearing, the text of the proposed regulations may be viewed by visiting the Commission's website at <https://mass-cannabis-control.com/>, requested by emailing Commission@cccmass.com, or by calling the Commission at (774) 415-0200.

Anyone wishing to offer testimony on these regulations can appear in person on the date above or email Commission@cccmass.com to request the virtual hearing link and participate remotely. Alternatively, written testimony may also be submitted to the same email address or address below, with 'Regulation Comment' in the subject line. All submissions should include the submitters' full name, and organization or affiliation, if any.

Comments must be received by 5:00PM EST on July 30, 2026. Written testimony may be submitted beginning July 3, 2026 through July 30, 2026. The Commission requests testifiers to identify the section of the regulations that applies to their comments. Any public comments received after that date may not be considered. Submissions may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the public records law, G. L. c.66, § 10. Additionally, please find the accompanying Small Business Impact Statements in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2 attached.



Small Business Impact Statement

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

CMR No: 935 CMR: 500.000

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 948

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

- Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
No. The emergency regulations do not require small businesses to create or submit new periodic reports beyond those already required under existing Commission regulations.
- Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
No. The emergency regulations do not require small businesses to implement additional recordkeeping procedures. If a business wishes to pursue new business opportunities as authorized by the emergency regulations by obtaining additional licenses, additional recordkeeping may be required.
- Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
No. The emergency regulations do not require small business to provide additional administrative oversight. If a business wishes to pursue new business opportunities as authorized by the emergency regulations by obtaining additional licenses, additional administrative oversight may be required.
- Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
No. The emergency regulations do not require small businesses to hire additional employees. If a business wishes to pursue new business opportunities as authorized in the emergency regulations by obtaining additional licenses, additional employees may need to be hired.
- Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
No. The emergency regulations do not require small businesses to retain additional professional services.
- Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?
No. The emergency regulations do not require the purchase a product or make any other capital investments. If a business wishes to pursue new business opportunities as authorized in the emergency regulations by obtaining additional licenses, the business may need to make capital investments inherent to the general formation of a new business or new business opportunity.
- Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective?
No. Performance standards are not more appropriate than design or operational standards, and therefore the emergency regulations are necessary to meet the regulatory objectives.
- Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?
No. The emergency regulations do not duplicate or conflict with existing regulations and are intended to operate within the existing adult use and medical marijuana regulatory framework.
- Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?
No. The emergency regulations do not alter existing obligations requiring licensees to cooperate with Commission investigations, inspections, and enforcement activities.
- Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?
No. The emergency regulations do not require small businesses to provide additional educational services, although licensees remain responsible for staying informed of applicable regulatory requirements.
- Is the regulation likely to deter the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
No. The emergency regulations are not expected to deter small business formation as the emergency regulations provide additional opportunities to expand a business by obtaining additional licenses. The also provide for certain license cap exceptions that may allow for additional business opportunities.



- Is the regulation likely to encourage the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
Yes. The emergency regulations are expected to encourage small business formation as the emergency regulations provide additional opportunities to expand a business by obtaining additional licenses. The also provide for certain license cap exceptions that may allow for additional business opportunities.
- Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
No. The Commission's regulations subject businesses to compliance or reporting requirements. The emergency regulations do not affect those requirements. If a business wishes to pursue new business opportunities as authorized in the emergency regulations by obtaining additional licenses, the emergency regulations may require compliance or reporting requirements related to a new license.
- Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
No. The Commission's regulations subject businesses to schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting. The emergency regulations do not affect those requirements.
- Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
No. The Commission's regulations subject businesses to schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting. The emergency regulations proposed do not affect those requirements.
- Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?
No. Performance standards alone would not be an effective replacement for design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objectives, and therefore the emergency regulations are necessary to meet the regulatory objectives.
- Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?
No. The Commission has determined that the emergency regulations represent the least burdensome means of achieving the regulatory objectives.



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