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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, that the Department of Public Health will hold a public hearing and comment period on proposed new regulations, 105 CMR 304.000: *Access to Social Security Number on a Death Record*.

This new regulation is being promulgated to specify persons who are authorized to obtain a social security number listed in a record of death.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday **July 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** The hearing will be conducted on a **moderated conference call**. The information for the conference call is:

Dial-in Telephone Number: 888-566-7685
Participant Passcode: 4114188
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A copy of the proposed new regulation may be viewed on the Department's website at <http://mass.gov/dph/proposed-regulations> or requested from the Office of General Counsel at 617-624-5220.

Speakers who testify at the public hearing are requested to provide a copy of their oral testimony. The Department encourages all interested parties to submit written testimony electronically to Reg.Testimony@mass.gov, or by mail to William Anderson, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document and type "Access to Social Security Number on a Death Record" in the subject line of the email. All submitted testimony must include the sender's full name and address.

The Department will post all electronic testimony that complies with these instructions on its website. **All comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2026.** All comments received by the Department may be released in response to a request for public records.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, or are a person with a disability who requires accommodation, please contact Stacy Hart at least 5 days before the hearing at Tel #857-274-1120, or email Stacy.Hart@mass.gov.

Small Business Impact Statement
(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)
Agency: Department of Public Health

CMR No: 105 CMR 304.000: Access to Social Security Number on a Death Record

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: DPH does not anticipate that any small businesses will be impacted by this regulation.

- Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
No. This regulation will not result in any additional or new reporting requirements.
- Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
No. This regulation will not result in any additional or new recordkeeping procedures.
- Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
No. This regulation will not necessitate additional administrative oversight.
- Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
No. This regulation will not necessitate additional employees.
- Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
No. This regulation will not necessitate the hiring of other professionals.
- Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?
No. This regulation will not require any purchase or investment by small businesses.
- 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, performance standards would not be appropriate to accomplish the regulatory objective.
- Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?
No. There are no other regulations in Massachusetts that duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation.
- Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities?
No. This regulation will have no impact on small business in Massachusetts, and therefore will not require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other enforcement activities.
- Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?
No. There are no educational service requirements in this regulation pertaining to small businesses.
- Is the regulation likely to deter the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
No. This regulation will have no impact on small business in Massachusetts and is not likely to deter the formation of small businesses.
- Is the regulation likely to encourage the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
No. This regulation will have no impact on small business in Massachusetts and is not likely to encourage the formation of small businesses.
- Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
No. This regulation will have no impact on small business in Massachusetts, and these amendments therefore do not provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.
- Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
No. This regulation will have no impact on small business in Massachusetts, and these amendments therefore do not establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.
- Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
No. This regulation will have no impact on small business in Massachusetts.

- Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?

No. This regulation will have no impact on small business in Massachusetts, and therefore performance standards for small businesses would not be an appropriate replacement for these proposed amendments.

- Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?

No. This regulation will have no impact on small business in Massachusetts.