



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. c. 23K §§ 4 and 5, as part of the Commission’s regulatory process, and concern the following regulations:

205 CMR 146.00 specifically, 205 CMR 146.18 Baccarat, Midi-baccarat, Mini-baccarat, and Baccarat-chemin de Fer Tables; Physical Characteristics. This regulation is being amended to increase clarity surrounding game play and wagering for specific game variations. Additionally, a subsection detailing payout odds for additional wagers at a gaming table has been added to this section in accordance with the authorized Rules.

Scheduled hearing date and time:

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 9:30 AM EST

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Session Acts of 2025, Governor Healey extended a limited relief from certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law which was first implemented 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 www.massgaming.com, clicking on ‘Regulations and Compliance’ and selecting the ‘[Proposed Rulemaking](#)’ Section. Anyone wishing to offer comments on these regulations can email Judith.Young@massgaming.gov 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.

Written comments must be received by 5:00 PM EST on August 17, 2026.

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 adoption of **205 CMR 146.00: *Gaming Equipment***, specifically **205 CMR 146.18: *Baccarat, Midi-baccarat, Mini-baccarat, and Baccarat-chemin de Fer Tables; Physical Characteristics***.

This regulation concerns the operation of gaming establishments in the Commonwealth, and the gaming equipment used therein. The regulation is primarily governed by G.L. c. 23K, §§ 2, 4(37), and 5.

The proposed amendments to the section are intended to add language for clarity, remove outdated language and references to layouts that are no longer in use and also provide clearer requirements to licensees regarding what is necessary to include on Midi and Mini Baccarat layouts.

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:

As this regulation pertains to gaming licensees, small businesses are unlikely to be subject to this regulation.

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:

The standards set forth in 205 CMR 146.18 neither impose nor create new standards. The changes simplify the existing content in the regulation and constitute corrections to the existing language.

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:



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There appears to be 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 regulation is likely to deter or encourage the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth:

This regulation is unlikely to deter nor encourage the formation of new businesses within the Commonwealth.

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By:

/s/
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Dated: July 1, 2026



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