

August 01, 2025

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 the proposed adoption of regulations revising 935 CMR 500.000:

Adult Use of Marijuana and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*. These 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; 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 revisions govern on-site Social Consumption Establishments, to include three License types: Supplemental, Hospitality, and Event Organizer Licenses. The revisions also address duplicative CORI requirements for Laboratory and Marijuana Establishment Agents working within and between Licensees who share the same Persons or Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control, as well as waste disposal procedures and incident reporting requirements.

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

These revisions address duplicative CORI requirements for Laboratory and Marijuana Treatment Center Agents working within and between Licensees who share the same Persons or Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control, as well as waste disposal procedures and incident reporting requirements.

Scheduled hearing date, time and location:

Monday, September 8, 2025, 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. 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 September 8, 2025. Written testimony is encouraged to be submitted as soon as possible. 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.



Amended Small Business Impact Statement
(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

CMR No: 935CMR 500.000

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 400

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

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| Yes | No X | <u>Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?</u> The changes to these regulations mainly focus on building out the Social Consumption Establishment license types. Therefore, unless the business seeks this additional licensure then it is not likely that they will have any additional reports. These regulations change some requirements relative to Waste and Incident Reporting. However, these would require the business to amend existing files/reports. |
| Yes X | No | <u>Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?</u> Businesses should review their SOPS to determine whether they need to update their procedures. |
| Yes | No X | <u>Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?</u> Businesses are already required to provide said oversight. |
| Yes | No X | <u>Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?</u> |
| Yes | No X | <u>Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?</u> |
| Yes | No X | <u>Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?</u> |
| Yes | No X | <u>Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective?</u> |
| Yes | No X | <u>Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?</u> |
| Yes | No X | <u>Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?</u> The Commission's regulations subject the licensees to audits, inspections, and regulatory enforcement activities. The amendments proposed do not change those requirements. |
| Yes | No X | <u>Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?</u> Small businesses who do not seek out additional licensure through one of the Social Consumption Establishment classes would not be required to provide additional educational services. |
| Yes | No X | <u>Is the regulation likely to deter the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?</u> The amendments herein reflect clarification of current regulations which would be beneficial to small businesses. |

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| Yes X | No | <u>Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?</u> The amendments to Agent Registration, Waste, and Social Consumption Establishments are likely to encourage the formation of additional small businesses. |
| Yes X | No | <u>Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?</u> Yes, please see above. |
| Yes X | No | <u>Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?</u> Less stringent reporting requirements. |
| Yes X | No | <u>Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?</u> These amendments help small businesses by requiring less burdensome mandates. |
| Yes | No X | <u>Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?</u> |
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