



Legal Division

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 the below regulation. The regulation was promulgated pursuant to G.L. c. 128A §§ 9 and 9B, as part of the Commission’s regulatory process for racing meetings and concern the following chapter of 205 CMR:

205 CMR 17.00: Review of a Proposed Transfer of Interests in a Racing Meeting License

This regulation is being promulgated to establish a process for the Commission to review and evaluate a request for a proposed transfer of interest in a racing meeting license in accordance with M.G.L. c. 128A, § 11(C), and to set out the necessary requirements for prospective licensees.

Scheduled Hearing Date and Time:

Tuesday, September 8, 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.

Comments must be received by 5:00 PM EST on September 7, 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 promulgation of **205 CMR 17.00: Review of a Proposed Transfer of Interests in a Racing Meeting License**, notice of which was filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. These amendments were developed as part of the process of promulgating regulations governing racing in the Commonwealth. This regulation is authorized by G.L. c. 128A, §§11C, 9 and 9B; and G.L. c. 128C.

This is a new regulation, and it will apply directly to racing licensees seeking to transfer the interest in a racing meeting license in the Commonwealth. Accordingly, these proposed regulations are not likely to have a negative impact on small businesses. In accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 2, the Commission offers the following responses:

1. Estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation:

To the extent that the transferee is a small business, they may be impacted by these regulations. It is difficult to estimate with accuracy the potential number of small businesses that may be impacted.

2. State the projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation:

As this is a new regulation, projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative costs within this chapter are not expected to impact small businesses.

3. State the appropriateness of performance standards versus design standards:

Portions of the proposed regulations are design standards, and some are performance standards. The design standards are important as they encourage uniformity, while the performance standards provide further clarification regarding the responsibilities and prohibitions of anyone licensed by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to conduct or participate in racing or simulcasting in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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:

There are 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.



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5. State whether the proposed regulation is likely to deter or encourage the formation of new businesses in the commonwealth:

This amendment will most likely not affect small businesses in an administrative capacity and is unlikely to deter or encourage the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth at this time.

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By:

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Dated: July 22, 2026



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