



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

205 CMR 230.00 – Review of a Proposed Agreement with a Category 3 Licensee

This regulation sets out the process for Category 1 or 2 operators to obtain Commission approval of “agreements related to mobile or digital sports wagering with a category 3 licensee” in accordance with Section 6(b)(4) of c. 23N. This regulation governs any agreement relating to mobile or digital sports wagering between a Category 1 and 2 Operator and a Category 3 Operator.

205 CMR 256.05 – Advertising to Youth

This section of 205 CMR 256.00 *Sports Wagering Advertising*, is intended to proscribe how Sports Wagering Operators may not engage in marketing, distribution, or display of promotional content that is directed towards patrons under 21 years of age.

Scheduled hearing date and time:

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 9:15 AM EST

Given the unprecedented circumstances, Governor Charles Baker issued an order to provide limited relief from certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law 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 5:00PM EST on August 14, 2023.

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 230 REVIEW OF A PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH A CATEGORY 3 LICENSEE**.

This regulation was adopted as part of the process of promulgating regulations governing sports wagering in the Commonwealth, and is primarily governed by G.L. c. 23N, §4. This regulation sets out the process for Category 1 or 2 operators to obtain Commission approval of “agreements related to mobile or digital sports wagering with a category 3 licensee” in accordance with Section 6(b)(4) of c. 23N.

The regulation applies to sports wagering operators and the Commission. Accordingly, this regulation is unlikely to have an impact on small businesses. 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:

This regulation is unlikely to have an impact on small businesses.

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:

No standards applicable to small businesses are set forth. Provided standards are performance standards.

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.

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



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This amendment is unlikely to have any impact on the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth.

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
By:

/s/ Carrie Torrasi
Carrie Torrasi, Deputy General Counsel

Dated: June 8, 2023



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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 amendments to **205 CMR 256.05(1) SPORTS WAGERING ADVERTISING**.

This regulation was promulgated as part of the process of promulgating regulations governing sports wagering in the Commonwealth, and is authorized by G.L. c. 23N, §4. It is intended to carry out the Commission’s mandate to promulgate regulations governing the advertising of sports wagering pursuant to G.L. c. 23N, § 4(c)(ii). The amendments being made are minor changes to address branding practices by operators.

This regulation is unlikely to have an impact on small businesses as it governs the behavior of Sports Wagering Operators who are not small businesses. 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:

This regulation is unlikely to have an impact on small businesses.

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:

No standards applicable to small businesses are set forth. Provided standards are performance standards.

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.

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



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This amendment is unlikely to have any impact on the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth.

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By:

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Dated: June 20 2023



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