

August 30, 2024

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*. The regulations were promulgated pursuant to G. L. c. 94G, § 4, and G. L. c. 94I.

The amendments to the Commission’s Adult Use regulations include changes to Microbusinesses where these licenses are allowed to hold other license types. In addition, these amendments pertain to Delivery where the licensee may use one driver to deliver certain amounts of cannabis, and whose businesses are now allowed to own 3 Delivery Operator and 3 Delivery Courier Licenses. The amendments to the Commission’s Medical Use of Marijuana regulations include the ability for Patients to request a telehealth appointment for a Patient’s initial visit to a provider and now would allow for providers to be out of state.

Scheduled hearing date, time and location:

Monday, October 7, 2024, 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 or email Commission@cccmass.com to request the virtual hearing link and participate remotely. 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 October 7, 2024. 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.



Small Business Impact Statement

(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

CMR No.: 935 **CMR** 500.000

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 679

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?</u>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?</u>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?</u>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?</u>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?</u>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?</u>
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities? Commission licensees are subject to audits, inspections, and regulatory enforcement activities.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?

Yes x	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? The amendments to microbusiness licenses encourages the formation of additional small businesses.
Yes x	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? Reduction in number of agents in a vehicle for delivery.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes x	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? These amendments help small businesses by requiring less burdensome mandates.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?

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