



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 amendments to two regulations. The regulations were promulgated pursuant to G.L. c. 23K, § 4 as to 205 CMR 116.08 and G.L. c. 23N, § 4 as to 205 CMR 229.01 as part of the Commission’s regulatory process, and concern the following:

205 CMR 116.08: *Notice*

The amendments to 205 CMR 116.08 would exempt a public or private transfer of interest in a gaming license of less than 20% from the prior notification and approval requirements set forth in G.L. c. 23K, § 21(b). Entities would still need to notify the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau of the transfer, but the notice would not need to precede the transfer or wait on a formal approval process.

205 CMR 229.01: *Notice*

The amendments to 205 CMR 229.01 would exempt a public or private transfer of interest in a sports wagering license of less than 20% from the prior notification and approval requirements set forth in G.L. c. 23N, § 6(h). Entities would still need to notify the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau of the transfer, but the notice would not need to precede the transfer or wait on a formal approval process.

Scheduled hearing date and time:

Tuesday, October 6, 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 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.

**MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING ID: 287 543 685 095 523 PASSCODE: H7Fw6Rk3
DIAL IN BY PHONE: (213) 631-9908 PHONE CONFERENCE ID: 533 722 917#**

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 can email autumn.birarelli@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 October 5, 2026.**



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Additionally, please find the Small Business Impact Statement 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 amendments to **205 CMR 116.00: Persons Required to be Licensed or Qualified**, specifically 205 CMR 116.08(2): Notice.

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. 23K, § 4. This regulation governs the notification of certain transfers of interest to the Commission and 205 CMR 116.08(2) specifically details which transfers must provide notice to the Commission.

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.

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
By:

/s/ Justin Stempeck
Justin Stempeck, Chief Deputy General Counsel

Dated: August 6, 2026



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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. This regulation governs the notification of certain transfers of interest to the Commission and 205 CMR 229.01(2) specifically details which transfers must provide notice to the Commission.

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:

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

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

7. 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.

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

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

9. 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.

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

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



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