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EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE AND DIVISION OF BANKS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ONE FEDERAL STREET, 6th FLOOR, GOLD ROOM, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS AND <u>VIRTUAL</u>

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 801 CMR 4.00: RATES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4(c)(2) of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 169B, as set forth in SECTION 3 of Chapter 312 of the Acts of 2024 (Chapter 312) and in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 2, a joint public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at which comments will be received by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Division of Banks (Division) relative to the establishment of fees for money transmitters under Chapter 312.

A hybrid public hearing will be held on October 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at One Federal Street, 6th Floor, Gold Room, Boston, Massachusetts. The link providing information regarding the hearing will be posted by Monday, October 6, 2025 by 12:00 noon, and will be available at www.mass.gov/dob/. While it is not necessary to pre-register to provide oral testimony, anyone who emails their intention to provide oral testimony at the hearing in advance will receive preference in the order of testimony provided. Such optional notice must include the person's name, telephone number, and email address and should be sent to dob.comments@mass.gov via email.

The purpose of 801 CMR 4.02 – 209 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies is to set forth the respective fees and assessments for state-chartered banks and state-chartered credit unions, as well as the provisions relative to the Division of Banks' licensees and registrants. Chapter 312 establishes a single statutory framework for the licensing, examination, and regulation of all money transmitters, covering both foreign and domestic transmissions, as well as check sellers, in the Commonwealth by the Division of Banks (Division), pursuant to the establishment of new M.G.L. c. 169B. With regard to licensure, Chapter 312 repeals the enabling statutes for the Division's licensure of check sellers at M.G.L. c. 167F, § 4 and the

licensure of foreign transmittal companies at M.G.L. c. 169, replacing the statutes with new M.G.L. c. 169B regarding the licensure of money transmitters, including foreign and domestic transmissions as well as check sellers, into one license for money transmitters.

The proposed amendments would repeal the current fees set forth at 801 CMR 4.02: 209 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies:

- (39) Check Sales Annual License 1,000 per year
- (40) Foreign Transmittal Agencies
 - (a) Annual License 1,000 per year for initial licensed location
- (b) License for Additional Location 200 per year for each additional licensed location

The proposed amendments would add the following fee to 801 CMR 4.02: 209 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies:

(39) Money Transmitters Annual License 1,000 per year

Written comments may be submitted to the Division on the proposed fees until Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. to dob.comments@mass.gov. Copies of the proposed fees are available at, and copies may be obtained from, the Massachusetts Division of Banks, at www.mass.gov/dob/.

Additional changes may be made based on comments received at the public hearing or during the comment period.

To request interpretive services, please submit your request at least three (3) business days prior to the public hearing to Jennifer DeWitt at 617-956-1549 or jennifer.dewitt@mass.gov.

If there are any questions, please contact the Division's Legal Unit at 617-956-1520.

Small Business Impact Statement

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

CMR No: 801 CMR 4.02: Rates

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

As of 9/9/25, the Division licenses 72 foreign transmittal companies and 19 check sellers. While foreign transmittal companies and check sellers are included as money transmitters, entities engaged in domestic transmissions would be added as well. The Division notes that as of 9/9/25, there are 2,631 foreign transmittal agents. The Division estimates that there may be approximately up to 160 entities that could seek licensure as money transmitters.

While it is difficult to estimate what percentage may be small businesses, it is possible that there could be some that are.

	Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain						
Yes	No	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?					
		No additional reporting is required by virtue of the proposed amendments.					
Yes	No	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?					
		Money transmitters will not have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures as a result of the proposed amendments.					
Yes	No	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?					
		Money transmitters will not have to provide additional oversight as a result of the proposed amendments.					
Yes	No	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?					
		Money transmitters will not have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed amendments.					
Yes	No	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?					
		Money transmitters will not have to hire other professionals for compliance as a result of the proposed amendments.					
Yes	No	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?					
		Money transmitters will not have to purchase any products or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the proposed amendments.					
Yes	No	Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective? (Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.)					
		The purpose of the proposed amendments is to replace the existing license fees for check sellers and foreign transmittal agencies with one fee for money transmitters in 801 CMR 4.02: 209 CMR Division					

by Chapter 312 of the Acts of 2024. Yes			of Banks and Loan Agencies, as required to implement the provisions of M.G.L. c. 169B, as established
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These proposed amendments do not require additional educational services. Yes			
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Yes	No	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?
		There are no alternative regulatory methods available.