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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. This regulation was promulgated pursuant to G.L. c. 23N § 4, as part of the Commission’s regulatory process, and concern the following regulation:

205 CMR 234.09: Term of Sports Wagering Vendor License or Registration; Renewal

The proposed amendment relates to sports wagering vendor initial licenses and registrations and the duration of the renewal terms. The first change would increase the initial term from *three to five* years. The second change would increase the renewal date from the last day of the month *on the third anniversary* to the last day of the month on the *fifth anniversary* of the issuance date.

Scheduled hearing date and time:

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 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 Melanie.Foxx@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 December 1, 2025. 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 amendments to **205 CMR 234**, specifically, **234.09: *Term of Sports Wagering Vendor License or Registration; Renewal***, notice of which was filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. These amendments were developed as part of the process of promulgating regulations governing sports wagering in the Commonwealth. This regulation amendment is authorized by G.L. c. 23N, §§ 4(a)(b)(i) and G.L. c. 23K § 4(42).

The amendment applies directly to sports wagering vendors conducting or participating in sports wagering 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 sports wagering vendors are small businesses, 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:

Projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative costs are unlikely to change in any material way for compliance with the proposed amendments.

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

As a general matter, the proposed amendment requires design standards to allow the Investigation and Enforcement Bureau sufficient time to complete the durable suitability investigations for sports wagering vendors’ licenses and registrations and to align with the license terms of the sports wagering operators.

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 is unlikely to deter or encourage the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth at this time.

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Dated: October 23, 2025



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