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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD**

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A and M.G.L. c. 27, § 5, the Parole Board will conduct a public hearing and comment period to gather comments, ideas, and information concerning proposed revisions to 120 CMR 304: Appeal and Reconsideration.

The purpose of 120 CMR 304 is to outline the process by which an inmate may appeal an adverse decision of the Parole Board and/or make a request for reconsideration. The regulation provides timelines for the appeal and/or request for reconsideration and also outlines the grounds for appeal. There is no statute or other rule that addresses the rights of an inmate or parolee to appeal a Parole Board decision regarding their parole status. The Parole Board has exclusive jurisdiction over granting, denying, rescinding, or revoking a parole permit. However, an appeal process is necessary to ensure fairness and equity to the petitioner. Without this system, there would be no checks and balances on the decisions of the Parole Board.

The Parole Board has completed a comprehensive review of its regulations in accordance with Executive Order 562 and accordingly has proposed revisions to 120 CMR 304. A copy of the proposed regulation may be obtained via the Parole Board website at: [www.mass.gov/parole](http://www.mass.gov/parole). Proposed Amendments to Regulations can be found under Key Resources.

The public hearing concerning revisions to 120 CMR 304 will be held on August 18, 2016, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, at the McCormack State Office Building, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter should appear at the designated time and place.

Public comments will be accepted through Friday, August 19, 2016 at 5:00pm. Please send any comments to Gloriann Moroney, General Counsel, Massachusetts Parole Board, 12 Mercer Road, Natick MA, 01760 or to [gloriann.moroney@state.ma.us](mailto:gloriann.moroney@state.ma.us).