



# Massachusetts Commission for the Blind

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 6, section 131J and 135, and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB) will hold a remote public hearing on February 18, 2022, at 12 p.m. relative to the adoption of:

111 CMR 11.00: Release of Information to City or Town Assessor's Office

The proposed regulation provides a new process allowing MCB to provide a certified list of legally blind persons registered with MCB, to local city and town assessor's offices for the purpose of verifying the requirement of legal blindness for real estate and motor vehicle tax exemptions.

Under the regulation, annually, or as necessary to satisfy the purpose of the regulation, MCB will send each city or town assessor's office a certified list as described above. Pursuant to M.G.L. c.6, §135 MCB maintains a register for the blind. The register is confidential and may only be release through regulation of the commissioner. The regulation does the following:

Allows MCB to share a certified list of MCB registrants, 18 or older, who reside in that city or town; restricts the assessor's office use of the certified list to the purpose of verifying eligibility for the property tax exemption under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5(37) and (37A), or the motor vehicle excise tax exemption, under M.G.L. c. 60A, § 1; limits the information on the certified list to only the registrant's name and address; allows registrants to be removed from the certified list upon request submitted to MCB; and, allows MCB to issue guidance to implement the procedures under the regulation, including guidance to ensure confidential treatment of the certified list.

There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

Those wishing to testify at the hearing should pre-register online by e-mailing [MCBinfo@mass.gov](mailto:MCBinfo@mass.gov) with the name of the regulation in the subject line.

Visit <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/mcb-public-hearings> for information on how to request a reasonable accommodation, or join the meeting directly with the following information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81703227913?pwd=OTZGY0FneFVxVndBTE51MnlzNnlWUj09>

Meeting ID: 817 0322 7913; Passcode: 021822; Phone: 1-646-558-8656

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Email written testimony to [MCBinfo@mass.gov](mailto:MCBinfo@mass.gov) as an attached Word or PDF document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. Written testimony must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any, or submit testimony by mail to: MCB, ATTN: L. Lang, 600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111. Deadline for all written testimony is 5:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

Find the proposed draft of the regulation at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/mcb-public-hearings> or request a copy in writing from MCB, ATTN: L. Lang, 600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111.