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400 CMR 4.00
PUBLIC REGISTRY OF LODGING OPERATORS

NOTICE OF DRAFT REGULATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 2 that the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development ("EOHED") is proposing new regulations at 402 CMR 4.00 entitled "Public Registry of Lodging Operators."

In December 2018, the Legislature enacted and the Governor signed chapter 337 of the Acts of 2018, *An Act Regulating and Insuring Short-Term Rentals* (the "Short-Term Rental Act"). Pursuant to section 1 of the Short-Term Rental Act (as codified in section 68 of Chapter 23A of the General Laws), EOHED, in consultation with the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security and the Department of Revenue, shall establish and maintain a registry for all operators under chapter 64G who file an application and are issued a certificate of registration in accordance with section 67 of chapter 62C. EOHED also is required to promulgate regulations that are necessary to: (i) develop and implement a registry that is accessible and available to the public; and (ii) support the competitive operation of the traditional lodging industry, short-term rental industry and hosting platforms to operate competitively in the Commonwealth. The regulations at 400 CMR 4.00 are being proposed to satisfy the latter requirement.

Written comments on the proposed regulations will be accepted from the opening of the public comment period on August 9, 2019 until 5:00PM pm September 9, 2019. Written comments should be submitted by email to jonathan.cosco@mass.gov or mailed to: Jonathan Cosco, Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, One Ashburton Place, Room 2101, Boston, MA 02108. Copies of the proposed regulations are available on the EOHED website at: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-housing-and-economic-development> or may be obtained by calling Jonathan Cosco at 617-788-3628.

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