**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, and pursuant to the authority found in M.G.L. c. 6, §§ 167A, 168B, and 172(c), the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (“DCJIS”) will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of gathering comments, ideas, and information concerning the following emergency regulations:

803 CMR 2.09 Emergency Regulation Concerning In-Person Verification of Identity of Applicants

Summary of Proposed Regulation: This emergency regulation is already in effect and DCJIS merely seeks to extend it. The emergency regulation amends 803 CMR 2.09 to permit CORI requestors to inspect and verify a subject’s identity by teleconference or by an alternative means which is specifically approved by DCJIS. Upon termination of the state of emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, iCORI users who verify identities by teleconference pursuant to the emergency regulation will additionally be required within seven business days to verify the subject in person or submit a notarized CORI Acknowledgement Form for the subject. Those who verify identities pursuant to the emergency regulation using alternative means specifically approved by DCJIS may be required to do so as well.

Note: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, DCJIS is holding this public hearing remotely via Webex. You may join via computer or telephone as described below, but please note that if you are joining by computer, you may need to allow extra time to download the Webex client. Those who intend to join the meeting are strongly encouraged to register in advance by email to matthew.mcgarry@mass.gov. Attendees should otherwise dress and conduct themselves as if attending the hearing in person.

Scheduled Hearing Date: June 19, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Via Computer

Webex: https://statema.webex.com/statema/j.php?MTID=med2e260fbebe01bd48c18186326d1b48

Meeting Number / Access Code: 161 818 2455

Meeting password (case sensitive): Wyn8Gz

Via Telephone

1-866-692-3580 (Toll Free)

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The proposed regulations may be obtained by visiting the DCJIS website at: https://www.mass.gov/doc/emergency-regulation-concering-in-person-verification-of-identity-of-applicants

A written copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained by request in writing to Assistant General Counsel Matthew McGarry, DCJIS, Legal Division, 200 Arlington Street, Suite 2200, Chelsea MA 02150.

Written comments in advance of the hearing are welcome and may be submitted by email to matthew.mcgarry@mass.gov or by mail to Assistant General Counsel Matthew McGarry, DCJIS, Legal Division, 200 Arlington Street, Suite 2200, Chelsea MA 02150. Note that comments received after 5:00PM on June 22, 2020 will not be accepted. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter should appear at the designated time and place.