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### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security ("EOPSS") will conduct a public hearing for the purposes of gathering comments, ideas, and information concerning proposed amendments to 501 CMR 8.00, which governs standards for the use of electronic control weapons in the Commonwealth.

**Summary of Proposed Amendments:** The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security is updating its regulation in response to chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020, "*An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth*," commonly referred to as "police reform." Police reform defined who qualifies as a "law enforcement officer" and requires standardized training and certification to perform police duties and functions. Police reform, as well changes in caselaw, necessitate updating 501 CMR 8.00.

**Availability of Proposed Amendments:** The amended regulations may be obtained by visiting EOPSS's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-public-safety-and-security>. A written copy of the amended regulations may be obtained by e-mailing a request to [john.melander@mass.gov](mailto:john.melander@mass.gov) or by mailing a request to Deputy General Counsel John H. Melander, Jr., Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, One Ashburton Place, Suite 2133, Boston MA 02108.

**Hearing Details:** The hearing will be held virtually, using the Microsoft Teams platform, on December 2, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To join via computer, click on the following link:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_YzJhNjFkNGMtMDMxZS00MjJlLTlkZGltYjExYTcwNDVmNzg%40t%20hread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223e861d16-48b7-4a0e-9806-8c04d81b7b2a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22281c7f88-3318-4602-94e1-655072aca885%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzJhNjFkNGMtMDMxZS00MjJlLTlkZGltYjExYTcwNDVmNzg%40t%20hread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223e861d16-48b7-4a0e-9806-8c04d81b7b2a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22281c7f88-3318-4602-94e1-655072aca885%22%7d)

To join via telephone (audio only), dial [+1 857-327-9245](tel:+1857-327-9245) and use the following conference ID: [690477115#](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/690477115). If you are joining by computer, you may need to allow extra time to download Microsoft Teams. While it is not required, you are encouraged to pre-register if you are interested in offering comments at the hearing by sending an email to [john.melander@mass.gov](mailto:john.melander@mass.gov) with a subject line stating, “501 CMR 8.00 comment.” Attendees should otherwise dress and conduct themselves as if attending the hearing in person.

**Submission of Comments:** Written comments or testimony in advance of the hearing are welcome and may be submitted by e-mail to [john.melander@mass.gov](mailto:john.melander@mass.gov) with a subject line stating, “501 CMR 8.00 comment” or by mail to Deputy General Counsel John H. Melander, Jr., Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, One Ashburton Place, Suite 2133, Boston MA 02108. Comments received after December 16, 2022, at 5:00 PM may not be accepted. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter should appear at the designated time and event. Depending on the volume of comments received, the EOPSS may limit requests to speak to no longer than five minutes.