

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L., c. 30A, a public hearing will be held **remotely via telephonic and video conference on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** at which the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation will receive oral comments relative to the promulgation of proposed amendments to its regulation 201 CMR 16.00: Placing, Lifting and Removal of Security Freezes. The purpose of 201 CMR 16.00: Placing, Lifting and Removal of Security Freezes is to implement the provisions of M.G.L. c. 93, § 62A relative to the methods of requesting, lifting and removing security freezes for the benefit of consumers. This regulation also establishes the standards for expediting those methods. The amendment of this regulation is required to update it with the statutory changes to M.G.L. c. 93, § 62A that became effective in April 2019 requiring that consumer reporting agencies provide services to consumers who request the placing, lifting, and removal of security freezes free of charge. The regulation currently has language allowing fees to be charged to consumers for credit freeze services. Additional changes to the proposed amendments may be made based on comments received at the public hearing or during the comment period. To join the remote hearing online, go to <https://eotss.webex.com> and enter Event Number 129 380 4765 and the Event Password MAhvqmJ762m. To join the remote hearing by phone, call 1-408-418-9388, and enter Event Number 129 380 4765 followed by # when prompted. Event Information will also be found on the website www.mass.gov/ocabr. Written comments or testimony may be submitted to the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, 501 Boylston Street, Suite 5100, Boston, MA 02116, ATTN: Regulations, or via email to ocabr.comments@mass.gov until 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, July 24, 2020**. Electronic copies of the proposed regulation are available from the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation at www.mass.gov/ocabr. June 12, 2020, Edward A. Palleschi, Undersecretary, Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation.