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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 263 and M.G.L. c. 30A, the Division of Professional Licensure (DPL) will hold two public hearings relative to proposed regulations at 230 CMR 12.00 - 17.00. The proposed regulations pertain to the licensure and oversight of private occupational schools and sales representatives.

The date, time, and location of the public hearings are as follows:

**Date:** March 20, 2014  
**Time:** 12pm – 2pm  
**Location:** 1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor<sup>1</sup>

**Date:** March 25, 2014  
**Time:** 1pm – 3pm  
**Location:** 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA 01103<sup>2</sup>

Effective August 1, 2012, DPL assumed responsibility for the licensing and regulation of private occupational schools (also known as “proprietary schools”) and sales representatives, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 263. Previously, private occupational schools and sales representatives were licensed and regulated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The proposed regulations will replace DESE regulations at 603 CMR 3.00.

The proposed regulations establish the licensure application process and set forth procedures for DPL approvals, denials, and disciplinary action. Additionally, the proposed regulations establish qualifications for licensure and standards of practice as they relate to sales representatives, instructors, student enrollment agreements, record keeping, disclosures, representations, advertisements, and the general operation of private occupational schools.

Interested parties will be given an opportunity to present testimony orally or in writing at the hearings. A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained at DPL’s website at: <http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/government/oca-agencies/dpl-lp/schools/>, or by contacting DPL at (617) 727-9715. Written comments regarding the regulations will also be accepted through the end of business on March 28, 2014 at the Division of Professional Licensure, 1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118-6100, Attention Rachael Pauze, Board Counsel or emailed to [rachael.pauze@state.ma.us](mailto:rachael.pauze@state.ma.us).

Reasonable accommodations or modifications will be provided to individuals with disabilities to participate in the Public Hearing. All requests should be directed to Deborah Cassano by calling 617-727-3110 or TTY/TDD: (617) 727-2099 by no later than a week prior to the meeting.

<sup>1</sup> For directions, please see: [http://license.reg.state.ma.us/public/dpl\\_location/dpl\\_office\\_locator.asp](http://license.reg.state.ma.us/public/dpl_location/dpl_office_locator.asp)

<sup>2</sup> For directions, please see: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/western-region.html>

