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**Notice Of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2 that the Board of Registration in Pharmacy (“BORP”) within the Department of Public Health will hold a public hearing on emergency amendments to the following regulations: 247 CMR 3.00: Pharmacist Licensure Requirements; 247 CMR 6.00: Licensure of Pharmacies; 247 CMR 8.00: Pharmacy Interns and Technicians; and 247 CMR 10.00: Disciplinary Proceedings.

247 CMR 3.00 sets forth the Board’s requirements for licensure of pharmacists.

247 CMR 6.00 sets forth the Board’s requirements for licensure of pharmacies.

247 CMR 8.00 sets forth the Board’s eligibility requirements and procedures to obtain licensure as a pharmacy intern, a pharmacy technician or a pharmacy technician trainee. It also sets forth the scope of practice for each of these licensure types.

247 CMR 10.00 outlines the procedures used by the Board in order to handle complaints received against BORP registrants and licensees the grounds for discipline and the actions that may be taken to resolve complaints in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A.

These proposed emergency amendments implement and codify into regulation the provisions of M.G.L. c. 112, § 77, as amended by St. 2022, c. 127, [*An Act Expanding Protections for Reproductive and Gender Affirming Care*](https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2022/Chapter127).  The proposed emergency amendments protect pharmacists, pharmacies, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician trainees from disqualification from licensure, and from BORP discipline, on the basis of providing, or assisting in providing, reproductive health care services and gender affirming health care services if the services provided would be lawful and consistent with good professional practice if they occurred entirely within Massachusetts.

The public hearing will be held at **11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025**. The hearing will be conducted on a **moderated conference call**. The information for the moderated conference call is:

Dial-in Telephone Number: **800-475-0372**

Participant Passcode: **3099712**

A copy of the proposed amendments to 247 CMR 3.00, 247 CMR 6.00, 247 CMR 8.00; and 247 CMR 10.00 may be viewed on the Department’s website at <http://mass.gov/dph/proposed-regulations> or requested from the Office of the General Counsel by calling 617-624-5220.

Speakers who testify at the public hearing are requested to provide a copy of their oral testimony. The Department encourages all interested parties to submit testimony electronically to the following address: Reg.Testimony@mass.gov, or by mail to William Anderson, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address. When electronically submitting comments, type “BORP Regulations” in the subject line and attach a Word document with your comments or type your comments in the body of your email.

The Department will post all testimony that complies with these instructions on its website. **All comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025**. All comments received by the Department may be released in response to a request for public records.