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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

400 CMR 4.00: PUBLIC REGISTRY OF LODGING OPERATORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 23A, § 68(b), and in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 2, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Friday, September 27th, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., located at the Somerset Conference Room, 2nd Floor, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA, 02108, at which the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) will receive oral comments relative to the proposed new regulations at 400 CMR 4.00 entitled "Public Registry of Lodging Operators."

In December 2018, the Legislature enacted and the Governor signed chapter 337 of the Acts of 2018, An Act Regulating and Insuring Short-Term Rentals (the "Short-Term Rental Act"). Pursuant to section 1 of the Short-Term Rental Act (as codified in section 68 of Chapter 23A of the General Laws), EOHED, in consultation with the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security and the Department of Revenue, shall establish and maintain a registry for all operators under chapter 64G who file an application and are issued a certificate of registration in accordance with section 67 of chapter 62C. EOHED also is required to promulgate regulations that are necessary to: (i) develop and implement a registry that is accessible and available to the public; and (ii) support the competitive operation of the traditional lodging industry, short-term rental industry and hosting platforms to operate competitively in the Commonwealth. The regulations at 400 CMR 4.00 are being proposed to satisfy the latter requirement.

Copies of the proposed regulations are available on the EOHED website at: https://www.mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-housing-and-economic-development or may be obtained by calling Jonathan Cosco at 617-788-3628.

Changes may be made based on comments received at the public hearing or during the comment period.

Written comments on the proposed regulations may be submitted by email to jonathan.cosco@mass.gov or mailed to: Jonathan Cosco, Executive Office of Housing and

Economic Development, One Ashburton Place, Room 2101, Boston, MA 02108 until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 27th, 2019.

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