

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 7, s. 3B, M.G.L. c. 75C, § 3, M.G.L. c. 75D, § 2, M.G.L. c. 93, § 21B and M.G.L. c. 30A, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance (A&F), in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, will hold a public hearing relative to proposed amendments to the Executive Office of Administration and Finance fee regulations at 801 CMR 4.02 (4.02: Fees for Licenses, Permits, and Services to be Charged by State Agencies). By the proposed amendments to 801 CMR 4.02, the Executive Office of Administration and Finance is proposing changes to its fee regulations at 801 CMR 4.02 (603 - Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) relative to the fees charged by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the licensure of private occupational schools and their sales representatives. These fees are identified in the "Executive Office of Education" section of 801 CMR 4.02 (603 - Department of Elementary and Secondary Education). The proposed amendments are intended to make the fees commensurate with the cost of licensure, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 7, § 3B. It is anticipated that the proposed amendments will become effective as permanent regulations on January 2, 2010.

The hearing will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA, 1st floor, rooms 137 A, B, and C. Interested parties will be given an opportunity to present verbal and written testimony; however, parties are requested to provide written copies of their testimony. Written comments will also be accepted beginning October 29, 2009 until 5 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009. Please submit written comments by mail to Mary Jayne Fay, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Proprietary Schools, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA, 02421, or by email to proprietaryschools@doe.mass.edu. A copy of the proposed amendments may be obtained from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's website <http://www.doe.mass.edu/ops/procedures.html> or by mailing the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Proprietary Schools, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA, 02421, or by emailing, proprietaryschools@doe.mass.edu, or by calling 781-338-3124.