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Dear All,

Pursuant to Executive Office for Administration and Finance Administrative Bulletin 6, I write to provide notice that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation ("MassDOT") is proposing a fee for the licensing of concrete aggregate manufacturers, as required by M.G.L. c. 6C, § 79, established by the Chapter 56 of the Acts of 2023.

The statute requires the Highway Division to establish by regulation a program licensing "[a]ny person seeking to mine, expand, excavate or otherwise operate a quarry, sand and gravel operation or any other aggregate source for the purpose of producing concrete aggregate for sale or use in foundations, structural elements or infrastructure, including, but not limited to, roadways and bridges." The statute requires the Highway Division to adopt regulations establishing standards and

specifications for license requirements including maintaining an operations plan, conducting testing, and submission of a geological source report signed by a "licensed professional geologist."

The statute also requires that MassDOT establish a fee to pay for the cost of the program. The proposed fee will be \$1,500 per annual license. MassDOT will begin accepting licenses on November 1, 2025. The estimated revenue to be gained from this fee is \$225,000 annually, which will contribute to the cost of staffing and the ePlace Portal licensing system.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions regarding the proposed regulatory action. I can be reached at 617-780-8031 or Christopher.MF.Smith@dot.state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

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