

Sports

Westfield State football scores win

WESTFIELD – Westfield State sophomore fullback Manny Mengata (Tewksbury, Mass.) ran for 172 yards on 37 carries to lead the way as the Owls ground out a 10-7 homecoming win over Framingham State at Alumni Field on Saturday.

Westfield's defense held Framingham to just 185 yards of total offense and just 24 yards on the ground.

Westfield improves to 3-2 overall and 3-1 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, while Framingham is now 3-2 and 2-2 in the league.

Westfield downed the Rams for the first time since the 2009 season.

Westfield took the lead in the second quarter on a 28-yard Quinn Sumner (Dayville, Conn./Killingly) to Malachi Hymes (Hartford, Conn./E. Hartford) TD toss.

Andrew Currier's (Attleboro, Mass./Foxboro) extra point made it 7-0.

At the end of the half, Westfield State took advantage of a Framingham miscue, as backed up inside their own 20, the Rams punt traveled just 15 yards, giving the Owls 1st-and-10 at the Rams 29-yard line with 1:54 left in the half.

Three Mengata carries later, Currier booted a 40-yard field goal as time expired on the first half with room to spare, and the Owls took a 10-0 lead to the locker room.

Framingham came out of the locker room, getting a big play on their first defensive series as a botched Owls' punt attempt gave the Rams the ball at the Westfield 33 after a three-and-out.

Framingham QB Michael Marcucella (Foxboro, Mass.)

wasted no time in going up top, hitting Matthais Fowler (Lynn, Mass./English) deep down the middle, with Fowler brought down at the Owls' 1-yard line. The Rams went with a wildcat look and Ransford Adri (Worcester, Mass./South) scored on a 1 yard plunge on a direct snap play.

From there, the Owls saddled up Mengata for the rest of the half, getting 92 of his yards after the intermission.

Framingham had one last gasp with Jelon King getting stopped on a 4th-and-2 from the Westfield 4 yard line, with Andrew Lovell (Marstons Mills, MA/Barnstable) and Mark Wright-Woodhouse (Hillside, NJ) combing to stop King a yard short to foil a 12-play, 88-yard drive. Westfield got the ball back

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Obituary

Gail (Adams) Rumplik

Gail (Adams) Rumplik, 79, of Feeding Hills, passed away on October 12, 2026, in hospice care at Baystate Medical Center.



Born on January 29, 1947, Gail was the daughter of the late John Quincy Adams and Nancy (Tolman) Adams. During her youth, she lived in Pittsfield, Niskayuna, and Wilbraham, developing a lifelong love for community and learning. Gail earned her Bachelor's degree from Berkshire Community College and continued pursuing her passion for teaching others by pursuing a Master's Degree in Special Education from American International College.

Gail dedicated her career to enriching the lives of students as a devoted special education teacher. Over the years, she shared her patience, kindness, and guidance at the Chicopee Job Corps, Peck Middle School in Holyoke,

and Roberta G. Doering Middle School in Agawam, leaving a lasting impact on countless students and colleagues. In addition, she helped prepare other educators by teaching as an adjunct professor at AIC.

Above all, Gail was a proud and devoted mother to her son, Shawn, and a grandmother to her grandsons, Christopher and Jonathan.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband of many years, Larry Rumplik, her parents, and her sisters, Carol and Jennifer.

She is survived by her loving son, Shawn, and his wife, Tammy; her cherished grandsons, Jonathan and Christopher, along with his wife Sydney; her sister, Nancy; and her niece and two nephews, along with extended family and friends who will miss her deeply.

A celebration of life for her immediate family was held at Colonial Forastiere Funeral

& Cremation & Cremation in Agawam, followed by committal prayers at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam on Monday, Oct. 19.

Gail's lifelong devotion to education continues even in death, as she generously donated her body to science to help educate future generations. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Gail's honor to The Roberta G. Doering Middle School PTO for use in the Middle School Science Department. For more information or to share a message of condolence, please visit www.forastiere.com.

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DEATH NOTICE

Rumplik, Gail (Adams)
Born: Jan. 29, 1947
Died: Oct. 12, 2026
Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation

Public Notices

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, November 9, 2026 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the request of Saad Yasir who is seeking a Special Permit from the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinance, Ch.180, Section 37 (B) and 180-8.1 to allow for the keeping of hens at the premises identified as 88 Elmar Drive.

Doreen A. Prouty, Chairperson
Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals
10/15, 10/22/2026

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, November 9, 2026 at 7PM** for all parties interested in the request of Kseniya Tsikhotskiy, who is seeking a Special Permit from the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinance, Ch.180, Section 37 (B) and 180-8.1 to allow for the keeping of hens at the premises identified as 432 South Westfield Street.

Doreen A. Prouty, Chairperson
Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals
10/15, 10/22/2026

intend to make any defense, that on December 21, 2026 or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court at the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts at 300 State Street, Springfield, MA 01105 at further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suite may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service and whose present whereabouts is unknown, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing in the **Boston Globe or a newspaper with general circulation in the City of Agawam**, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20 days before said return day.

Dated at this 6th day of December, 2026.

By Order of:
Christopher L. Morgan
U.S. Magistrate Judge
10/15, 10/22/2026

been filed by **Jennifer Collins of South Hadley, MA and Kevin L Collins of Southwick, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Jennifer Collins of South Hadley, MA and Kevin L Collins of Southwick, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/12/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 14, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
10/22/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD26P2191EA Estate of: Rita P Heroux Date of Death: 08/01/2014 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Steven J. Carrier of Windsor Locks, CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Steven J. Carrier of Windsor Locks, CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/11/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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ested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 14, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
10/22/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD25P2446EA Estate of: Michelle M Littlefield Date of Death: 10/01/2025 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by Alexander Littlefield of Feeding Hills, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/12/2026.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the

return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 09, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/22/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD26P2110EA Estate of: Alan Teal Also Known As: Alan Craig Teal a/k/a Alan C. Teal Date of Death: May 7, 2026 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Dulce Gendreau of Granby, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Dulce Gendreau of Granby, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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with 5:49 on the clock, but the Owls ran in 12 straight plays to close out the clock, including a daring 4th and 1 conversion from their own 12-yard line with Mengata bulling ahead for four yards, then Kevin Moreira (Plymouth, Mass./North) swept for

nine yards on a third and five to keep the clock running. Sumner kneeled on the ball on the final play to run out the clock.

Westfield had nearly 37 minutes of possession to the Rams 23, and outgained the Rams 240-185.

Sumner finished just 2-of-

6 passing for 50 yards with the one TD toss, Moreira added 34 yards on the ground. Hymes had the one TD catch for 28 yards, and Cole Ingram (Agawam, Mass.) had a 22-yard reception for the Owls.

Westfield's defense was led by 10 stops from Lovell and six from Wright-Woodhouse.

Moose Thompson (Adams, Mass./McCann) added four yards and sack, and Dominic Allen (Palmer, Mass.) added a sack.

For Framingham, Marcucella was 16-25 passing for 161 yards. Fowler led the Rams receivers with five grabs for 76 yards, with Xavier Beau-

champ (Lynn, Mass./English) catching two for 26 yards, and led in rushing with six carries for 15 yards. Zimari Omosefe (Lynn, Mass./English) made 13 tackles to lead the Rams, with Jordan Cabbagestalk (Brigdeport, Conn./Bullard) making 12 tackles and forced a fumble. Korrey Barron

(Rockwall, Texas) made nine stops and recovered a pair of fumbles.

Westfield will travel to Plymouth State next Saturday for a noon kickoff with the Panthers, while Framingham will host Mass Maritime at Bowditch field. Both are conference clashes.

Public Notices

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2026 STATE ELECTION

SS.
To the Constables of the City/Town of Agawam

GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at:

- Precinct 1:** William P. Sapelli School, 65 Begley Street
Precinct 2: Clifford M. Granger School, 31 South Westfield Street
Precinct 3: Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street
Precinct 4: Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street
Precinct 5: Benjamin J. Phelps School, 689 Main Street
Precinct 6: James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street
Precinct 7: Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street
Precinct 8: James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street

On **TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026,**
from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY OF STATE
TREASURER	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH AUDITOR
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	FIRST DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	EIGHTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	HAMPDEN & HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	SIXTH HAMPDEN DISTRICT PRECINCT ONE ONLY THIRD HAMPDEN DISTRICT PRECINCT TWO THRU EIGHT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	HAMPDEN DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE	HAMPDEN COUNTY

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION
Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would make most records held by the Legislature and the Office of the Governor public records under the Massachusetts Public Records Law. This proposed law would exempt documents related to the development of public policy and communications between legislators and their constituents, if those communications are reasonably related to a constituent's request for assistance in obtaining government-provided benefits or services or interacting with a government agency.

A YES VOTE would make most records held by the Legislature and the Office of the Governor public records under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

A NO VOTE would make no change to the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION
Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would specify that employees of the Committee for Public Counsel Services ("CPCS") are permitted to engage in collective bargaining with their employer. It would also require CPCS, after executing a collective bargaining agreement, to request the appropriation necessary to fund such agreement from the Governor.

A YES VOTE would specify that Committee for Public Counsel Services employees may form a union to collectively bargain with their employer.

A NO VOTE would make no change to the law governing labor relations for Committee for Public Counsel Service employees.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION
Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would eliminate political party primaries for state elections and instead establish a system where there would be a single, all-party primary in which all candidates, regardless of their party affiliation, would be listed on one ballot, and voters could vote for any candidate on the ballot. The two candidates receiving the most votes in the primary would advance to the general election ballot.

This proposed law would require candidates for governor and lieutenant governor to run and be listed jointly on the ballot in the primary.

This proposed law would provide political party status to any group whose candidates for any statewide office received at least 3% of the ballots cast in the state primary.

A YES VOTE would eliminate separate party primaries for state elections and require a single primary in which all candidates appear on one ballot, voters could vote for any candidate, and the top two candidates would advance to the general election.

A NO VOTE would make no change to the laws governing primary elections.

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION
Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would permit eligible individuals to register to vote or update their voter registration address on Election Day.

An individual who is eligible to vote could register to vote on Election Day by going to the polling place in the precinct where they live during voting hours and presenting proof of residency and signing a written oath. Proof of residency could be a valid photo identification, or documentation showing the individual's name and the address where the individual resides, such as a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, residential lease, wireless telephone statement, paycheck, current student fee statement or other document from a post-secondary school, or another government document or correspondence. The written oath would require the individual to certify that they are a citizen of the United States, are at least 18 years old,

are not legally prohibited from voting, and have not and will not vote in the same election at another location. The oath would require the individual to acknowledge that providing false information is a felony punishable by not more than 5 years imprisonment or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

If an individual did not present proof of residency, they would be allowed to cast a provisional ballot, which would be counted only if the individual returned to provide the required information before the close of polls for a municipal election; within two days after a state primary; or within six days after a state election.

Individuals who register to vote on Election Day would be registered to vote in future elections as well as in the election taking place that day.

Individuals who are already registered to vote would not be able to change their political party affiliation on Election Day.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2028.

A YES VOTE would permit eligible citizens to register to vote or to update their voter registration address at their polling place on Election Day.

A NO VOTE would make no change to the laws governing voter registration.

QUESTION 5: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would change the limit on how much revenue the state can collect in a given year. The proposal would limit state revenue in a given year to the net amount of state revenue from the year before, increased by a rate equal to the average growth of wages and salaries in Massachusetts over the most recent three years. If revenue collected by the state in a given year exceeds the limit, the excess amount would be refunded to taxpayers the following year. The proposed law would include all revenue from the surtax on incomes over \$1 million when calculating the revenue limit and when determining whether state revenue exceeds the limit.

The provisions of the proposed law would all be effective as of July 1, 2027.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would change the limit on state revenue collection, tying it to prior year collections plus average wage and salary growth, and provide for a rebate of revenue exceeding that limit.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to state revenue collection.

QUESTION 6: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would establish a Nature for All Fund that, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, would receive 50% of state taxes collected from the sale and use of sporting goods, recreational vehicles, and golf courses for the first year of its operation. After July 1, 2028, the Nature for All Fund would begin receiving, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, 100% of state taxes collected on the sale and use of sporting goods, recreational vehicles, and golf courses. The sales tax revenue received by the Nature for All Fund would exclude sales tax revenue transferred to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority State and Local Contribution Fund and the School Modernization and Reconstruction Trust Fund. The proposed law would allow the state Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to spend the money in the Nature for All Fund for natural resource conservation.

The proposed law would allow public and private donations to the Nature for All Fund. The proposed law would prevent the state comptroller from transferring surplus funds in the Nature for All Fund at the end of the fiscal year. It would also allow state agencies, municipalities, public charities involved in natural resource conservation, tribal governments, and other regional public entities to receive money from the Nature for All Fund.

Natural resource conservation would include the conservation or restoration of land to protect drinking water, streams, rivers, lakes, coasts, farms, forests, connectivity between open spaces, and lands and natural resources of indigenous cultural significance. Natural resource conservation would also include the creation, improvement, and management of parks, trails, greenspaces or outdoor recreation access.

The proposed law would establish a 15-member Nature for All Board that consists of five state officials and ten members of the public appointed by the Governor. The proposed law would require the ten members of the public to include representatives of underserved communities and indigenous peoples and at least one person with expertise or experience in natural resource conservation. The proposed law would allow the state Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to spend money from the Nature for All Fund to hire staff to manage the fund. The proposed law would also require the Nature for All Board to establish rules about how the money in the Nature for All Fund should be spent, including rules regarding alignment with environmental justice principles, access to and restoration of lands and natural resources of indigenous cultural significance, promotion of affordable housing development, and other matters regarding spending and bond issuance.

The proposed law would require the state Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to submit an annual report to various state committees regarding the funds spent to buy or improve land in cities and towns containing environmental justice populations.

The proposed law would take effect on July 1, 2027.

A YES VOTE would create a fund that could be utilized for natural resource conservation that would receive some state taxes collected on the sale and use of sporting goods and recreational vehicles, and the use of golf courses.

A NO VOTE would not create this natural resource conservation fund or change how sales and use taxes are spent.

QUESTION 7: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow single-family homes to be built in a residentially zoned area as long as the land on which it is to be constructed is at least 5,000 square feet, has at least 50 feet of land bordering the street, road, or public way that it faces, and has access to public sewer and water services.

The proposed law would allow cities and towns to reasonably regulate certain aspects of those single-family homes, including their height, distance from neighboring buildings, open space, parking requirements, and whether they can be rented out on a short-term basis.

The proposed law would also allow the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to issue guidance or regulations to administer the proposed law.

A YES VOTE would allow single-family homes to be built on lots of 5,000 square feet or more in residential areas, subject to reasonable local regulation of certain aspects of those homes.

A NO VOTE would make no change to the law relative to building single-family homes.

QUESTION 8: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would change the type and amount of marijuana that may legally be possessed in Massachusetts by repealing the laws that legalize, regulate, and tax the retail sale of adult recreational use marijuana in Massachusetts. The proposed law would also permit persons 21 years of age and older to possess 1 ounce or less of marijuana including no more than 5 grams in the form of concentrate, and to gift or transfer to another person 21 years of age and older 1 ounce or less of marijuana including no more than 5 grams in the form of concentrate. The proposed law would also impose a civil penalty of \$100 and forfeiture of the marijuana for the possession of marijuana between the weight of 1 and 2 ounces.

For persons 21 years of age and younger, the proposed law would make the possession of 2 ounces or less of marijuana a civil infraction subject to a \$100 fine, forfeiture of the marijuana, completion of a drug awareness program and community service, and notification to their parents or legal guardian of the offense and penalties.

The proposed law would allow currently licensed adult recreational marijuana businesses to apply on an expedited basis to become a licensed medical marijuana dispensary and to sell their remaining inventory of adult recreational marijuana to medical marijuana dispensaries. The proposed law would retain the Cannabis Control Commission but modify its authority so it would regulate only the medical marijuana market.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2028.

A YES VOTE would prohibit the legalization, regulation, and taxation of the retail sale of adult recreational use marijuana, and change the penalties for possession of marijuana.

A NO VOTE would make no change to the law relative to marijuana.

QUESTION 9: REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives on July 18, 2024 by a vote of 124 to 33, and approved by the Senate on July 18, 2024 by a vote of 35 to 5?

SUMMARY

This law makes a number of changes to Massachusetts laws governing firearms.

The law adds school administrators and licensed healthcare providers as parties permitted to ask a court to issue an Extreme Risk Protection Order – requiring an individual to surrender or relinquish their firearm licenses, permits, and firearms - if an individual is a present danger to self or others. The law also provides that, when issuing an Harassment Prevention Order, a court may also order the surrender of firearms licenses, permits, and firearms.

The law imposes penalties for possessing, creating, and transferring untraceable “ghost gun” firearms and requires all firearms except antiques and relics, including unfinished frames and receivers that can be readily made into a finished product, to have serial numbers. The law includes privately-made guns like 3D-printed guns within the provisions governing untraceable “ghost gun” firearms.

The law changes firearms licensing requirements to: (1) allow local licensing authorities to request prior license and permit information from the state, as well as access petitions for involuntary mental health commitments denied by a court in addition to prior involuntary commitments, as a part of their review of applications for licenses to carry firearms, firearm ID cards, and licenses to sell firearms; (2) require an individual to be 21 years of age to own semiautomatic rifles or shotguns; (3) add the possibility of incarceration of up to six months for a second offense of failing to report a firearm loss or theft; and (4) enable 12-15 year olds to apply for a self-defense spray permit with parental permission, and 15 to 18 year olds to apply independently.

The law allows local firearm licensing authorities to transfer the responsibility to inspect firearm dealers to the State Police. The law requires local licensing authorities to attend statewide training regarding those inspections. It requires dealers to confiscate expired or suspended licenses and report them to the state and to local licensing authorities.

The law changes the definition of “machine gun” to include bump stocks, trigger cranks, Glock switches and auto sears among the devices whose possession and use are subject to penalties. It expands the definition of “silencer” to include the parts used to construct a silencer.

The law clarifies how to determine whether a firearm is an assault-style weapon and the circumstances under which a person may continue to possess assault-style weapons and large capacity feeding devices they already own.

The law requires the state Firearm Control Advisory Board and the state Secretary of Public Safety and Security to review and update the rosters of prohibited assault-style firearms, approved firearms, and approved firearms sold for target shooting.

The law clarifies requirements relating to the carry and transport of firearms in motor vehicles and ATVs. It prohibits the carrying of firearms in government buildings, polling locations, and schools, with certain exceptions.

The law expands data compilation and reporting requirements to and from the state, and creates a publicly-accessible dashboard of anonymized aggregate firearm data, along with a commission to study that data.

The law requires the State Police to provide training and a test for new applicants for licenses to carry or Firearm ID cards.

The law establishes two special legislative commissions – one to examine funding for violence prevention services, and one to study emerging firearms technology.

The law criminalizes discharging a firearm and striking a building in use.

A YES VOTE would keep in place the law, which increases the regulation of firearms, including ghost guns, machine guns, and assault-style weapons.

A NO VOTE would repeal this law.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hand this 16th day of October, 2026.

Vincent F. Gioscia, City Clerk

10/22/2026