



# WINTHROP WEEKLY

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF WINTHROP

October 24, 2024

## TOWN OF WINTHROP PUBLIC CALENDAR

All meetings and agendas are posted up to 48 hours in advance. Click on meeting information below to read posted agendas.

### MBHSR Medsurge Subcommittee

October 28, 2024, 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

[More Details](#)

### Climate Commission

October 28, 2024, 6:00 PM

Harvey Hearing Room

[More Details](#)

### Winthrop Housing Authority

October 28, 2024, 7:00 PM

Winthrop Housing Authority

[More Details](#)

### Retirement Board

October 29, 2024, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

via Zoom

[More Details](#)

### Town Council

October 29, 2024, 6:30 PM

Harvey Hearing Room

[More Details](#)

### School Virtual Town Hall Meeting

October 30, 2024, 7:00 PM

[More Details](#)



**Happy Halloween  
Town Offices Close  
at 4:30 PM**

October 31, 2024

Winthrop residents can easily access *public meeting schedules and agendas with one click!* Simply go to [www.winthropma.gov](http://www.winthropma.gov)

## YIRRELL BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Updated Beach Management Plan for Yirrell Beach is now available on the Town of Winthrop website and can be viewed

at <https://www.winthropma.gov/641/Yirrell-Beach-Management-Plan>



**BIKE WINTHROP'S 7TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BIKE PARADE & FUN RIDE**

MUSIC WITH DJ CUZZII  
FOOD AND GAMES!

11:00 PARADE REGISTRATION, FUN COURSE & BIKE REPAIR  
12:00 PARADE  
12:30 AWARDS  
1:00 FUN RIDE ENDING AT DROP ZONE

Grab your costume, bike, family and friends and head down to the park for the annual Winthrop tradition of a kids' bike (or scooter) parade and celebrate this spooktacular season!

DON'T MISS THE FREE BIKE REPAIR, HELMET DECORATING, PUMPKIN PAINTING, CRAFTS, FOOD TRUCK, LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VENDORS

AT INGLESIDE PARK  
**OCT 26 | 11AM - 1PM**  
RAIN DATE OCT 27

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

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**HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY FUNDRAISER**

PRIZES FOR:

- BEST COSTUME
- COUPLE COSTUME
- GROUP COSTUME

**OCTOBER 26, 6:30 PM**

COTTAGE PARK YACHT CLUB, 76 ORLANDO AVE

TIX: \$30, CASH OR VENMO @WINTHROPLITTLELEAGUE02152

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# PHOTOGRAPHY



EXPLORE A COLLECTION OF  
SUMMER IN WINTHROP  
BIRDS AND BEES AND  
BUTTERFLIES

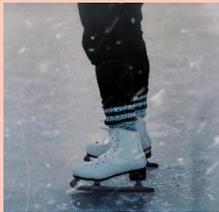
THE CLOCK TOWER GALLERY  
45 PAULINE STREET WINTHROP

EXHIBIT RUNS THROUGH NOVEMBER 9 (CLOSING RECEPTION)  
GALLERY HOURS:  
THURS. 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.  
SAT. 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.  
SEP. 14, 28, OCT 12, 26

DISCOVER WINTHROP HISTORY IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

## PUBLIC SKATE

Public Skating at the  
rink begins Sunday  
October 13th.  
Every Sunday 12:40  
to 1:50pm for \$3.



### Town of Winthrop

### Pay-as-You-Throw Overflow Bags

are available at the following  
locations:



CumberlandFarms, 7/11, T & T  
Convenience, Quick Food Mart,  
D&T Convenience, Town Hall,  
and the DPW.  
Sold in a roll of 5 bags for \$15

THE FOURTH ANNUAL

# THE GREAT PUMPKIN DROP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH 10-12  
FORT BANKS SCHOOL PLAYGROUND



Don't throw your pumpkins out,  
roll them down the hill  
and drop them!

## STOP, DROP & ROLL YOUR OLD PUMPKINS

You can turn your old pumpkins into valuable compost!



Reduce Food Waste! Crafts for Kids!

Sponsored by Mothers Out Front Winthrop

# HALLOWEEN HAUNT

READY FOR  
HALLOWEEN?  
US TOO!

OCTOBER 31  
4:00-6:00  
WINTHROP CENTER

JOIN US IN

## WINTHROP CENTER

FOR KIDS TRICK OR TREATING  
AT ALL PARTICIPATING  
BUSINESSES

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



WINTHROP COUNCIL ON AGING  
**SENIOR VAN**



The Senior Van runs Monday - Thursday from 8:45am to 3pm. Reservations must be made at least 2 weekdays in advance of your trip.

Medical rides will be prioritized. A full list of destinations and pricing is available on our website and in our newsletter. To schedule a ride, call the Senior Center at: 617-846-8538.

\*Free Winthrop van rides are limited to two roundtrip rides per day.

Destination	Round Trip
Local (Winthrop Area)	FREE*
Revere MGH (Beach)	\$5
Stop & Shop	\$5
Beth Israel (Chelsea)	\$7
East Boston Neighborhood Health Center	\$7
Revere MGH (Broadway)	\$7
Chelsea MGH/Market Basket (Chelsea)	\$8

**Stay informed of all town notifications:**



Sign up for Code Red & the Town Manager's Blog  
Town Website  
Facebook

**Contact the Town Manager's Office**

(617) 846-1705

email: [townmanager@winthropma.gov](mailto:townmanager@winthropma.gov)

**Green Waste/Yard Waste Transfer Station Information**



**Open:**  
April 6th-December 7th, 2024  
**Hours:**  
Fridays: 9a-12p and 3a-6p  
Saturdays: 9a-12p and 1p-3p

What is Green Waste? Green waste is yard waste which is banned from regular trash collection. This waste includes grass, leaves, vines, hedge trimmings, and small to medium-sized branches under 3" in diameter. Root balls and branches over three inches are not accepted. Other wastes, such as rocks, plastic, construction material, trash, or animal waste cannot be mixed with green waste.

**2025**

**Resident Parking Stickers / Visitor Placard**

**ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE**

**Order Today and Receive Before the New Year**

Scan on phone



**OR**

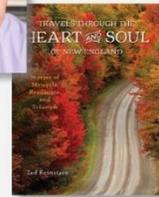
1. Go to <https://epay.cityhallsystems.com/selection>
2. Enter "Winthrop MA" in the Municipality field and select View/Pay bills
3. Scroll down under "Select Your Bill" and select "Resident Stickers"
4. Then select "2025 Resident Sticker"
5. On the next screen scroll down to the bottom and select your Street and Street Number
6. Next fill in all of the required fields and payment if required (65ys and up / handicap are Free)
7. Select "Add to Cart" and complete the Checkout process

At the **E.B. Newton Cultural Center, Lyceum Room**, 45 Pauline St.

**WPL&M** Winthrop Public Library & Museum

Winthrop Public Library welcomes back Winthrop's own **Ted Reinstein** as he discusses his book

**Travels through the Heart and Soul of New England**



After 25 years of reporting all around New England, Ted has now condensed his travels into a book about the most memorable people he has met and their stories of struggles, resilience, and triumph

**Wednesday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m.**

Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

While you are there visit the **Winthrop Heritage Room** and **The Clock Tower Gallery** from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Winthrop Public Library & Museum  
617 846-1703 [www.winthroppubliclibrary.org](http://www.winthroppubliclibrary.org)



The Musical: Teen Edition  
By Toby Marlow and Lucy Moss  
**7pm November 14, 15, and 16**  
at the Neil Shapiro Center for the Performing Arts at WHS  
tickets available now at [whsds.booktix.com](http://whsds.booktix.com)  
**\$10** For Students & Seniors **\$15** For Adults

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@winthropdramasociety.com

WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL  
**DRAMA SOCIETY**

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### Thrift Shop Dates - 2024

First Church of Winthrop United Methodist  
217 Winthrop Street - Back Entrance  
Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 PM



2nd and 4th Thursday and  
Saturday of month  
Women's, Men's and  
Children's Clothing

COME SUPPORT WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL BOOSTERS!

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

BAKE SALE!

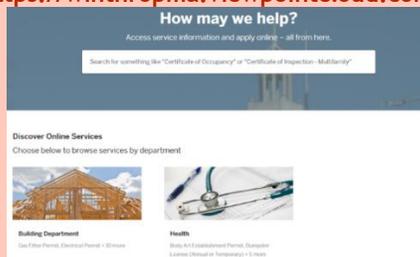
Saturday, November 23rd  
9AM-12PM  
French Square  
Winthrop, MA 02152

COME SUPPORT!

### APPLY FOR PERMITS ONLINE

The Town of Winthrop has partnered with OpenGov to drive efficiency for staff and improve the quality and convenience of services for community members with technology that automates permitting and licensing approvals processes, allows for online inspections management, and provides a user-friendly online portal for applicants. Residents can now apply for permits, request inspections and access information online from the Building Department and Public Health Departments.

<https://winthropma.viewpointcloud.com/>



Make  
Your  
Voice  
Count  
Early!

TOWN OF WINTHROP  
**EARLY  
VOTING**



Election  
Day  
November 5

Why wait? Skip the lines and take control of your future. Early voting is your chance to cast your ballot at your convenience. Join us to make sure your voice is heard!

### EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE AT WINTHROP TOWN HALL

Saturday, October 19	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday, October 21	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday, October 22	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 23	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday, October 24	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 26	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday, October 28	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday, October 29	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 30	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday, October 31	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Beat the crowds, avoid the rush, and cast your vote at your convenience. Your voice matters in shaping the future—don't wait until Election Day!

Last Day to Register to  
Vote 10/26 by 5:00 PM

For more information

Call 617-846-1742 or visit:  
[www.WINTHROPMA.GOV](http://www.WINTHROPMA.GOV)

## Flu Vaccine Clinics

(Registration Encouraged)



TUESDAYS  
9:00AM-5:00PM

Winthrop Public Health  
EB Newton Building  
45 Pauline Street, 1st FL



### OFFERING TO AGES 2+



FLU MIST



REGULAR DOSE



HIGH DOSE

Contact Us

(617) 539-5837



Winthrop Department of Public  
Health & Clinical Services

## YOU CAN BE A TV PRODUCER



Sign up for the next video production class at WCAT.  
Learn Digital Camera Operation, Video Editing,  
Sound board, Lighting, Green Screen and more!

**CALL MIKE AT WCAT 617-846-3400**

## Biohazard Waste Sharps Disposal

Includes Needles, Syringes, Lancets, or any other medical waste sharps item.

### Walk In & Drop Off

Winthrop Public Health  
45 Pauline Street, 1st FL  
# 617-539-5937



# The Winthrop Art Association Presents Hand Building with Air Dry Clay

A Workshop with local artist

## Paige Covello

Sunday, November 10 2-4 pm

E.B. Newton Cultural Center - Lyceum Room  
45 Pauline Street, Winthrop, MA



The workshop fosters creativity and builds skills while ensuring that everyone can explore their creative potential in a supportive environment.

**The workshop is free. Everyone welcome.**

**For information, please call Dawn 617-846-2644**



### Why was my trash/recycling not collected? Why did I receive a trash violation?

- Residents in 1-3 unit dwellings are permitted to utilize one (1) Town-issued trash bin and one (1) Town-issued recycling bin per unit, per dwelling. Bins are Town property. Bins are to remain at the assigned address. Please label each bin with your address/ unit number.
- All trash and recycling should be neatly stored in your Town-provided bins on your property.
- All trash is to be bagged inside the trash bin. Bags/items placed on the curb WILL NOT be collected.
- All recyclables are to be unbagged, and free-flowing in the recycling bin.
- Any trash that does not fit in your closed Town-issued trash bin must be in a Town of Winthrop Pay-As-You-Throw Overflow Trash Bag. These bags must placed inside a covered bin supplied by the resident. These bags are for household trash only. Do not place hazardous waste, yard waste, recyclables, construction debris, hazardous waste, textiles, or banned materials in these bags. Overflow bags are sold in sleeves of 5 bags for \$15.00. Bags are available at the DPW, Town Hall, Cumberland Farms, T&T, and QuickFood Mart.
- Please note: Bug-infested items and rain-soaked items may be rejected by the hauler for pickup. You will need a private hauler for your item if this occurs. Items outdoors to be given away for FREE must be on your property and not on any public sidewalk or way. Items not taken after 48 hours need to be removed. Fines may be assessed for items on a public sidewalk or not removed from your property within 48 hours.

**The hauler will not collect any trash placed for pickup not following these regulations. Violations of solid waste ordinances and regulations will result in trash or recycling being rejected. A violation or fine may be assessed in accordance with the State Sanitary Code and Town of Winthrop Board of Health Trash/Recycling ordinances.**

**The removal of uncollected trash/recycling becomes the responsibility of the homeowner/tenant.**



## SIT AND SEW

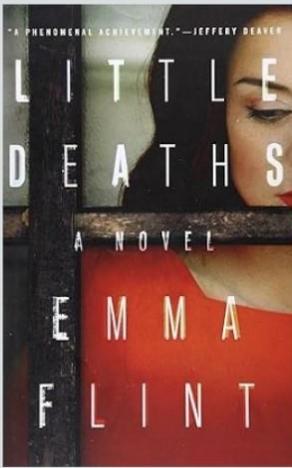
NOVEMBER 23, 2024  
10:30 A.M. TO NOON

Scrunchie time with holiday fabrics  
and as always bring your projects!

Winthrop Public Library  
Hazlett Room

Two Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA  
Join in an informal sewing,  
knitting, crochet,  
embroidery, circle





Winthrop Public Library & Museum  
2 Metcalf Square

Mystery Book Club

November 6, 2024 10:30 a.m.  
Hazlett Room

**GIFTS FOR FIRST 50 TO ENTER!!**

**CLASS OF 2026 PRESENTS**  
**Country fair!**

**NOVEMBER 21ST**

**ST MICHAEL'S | DOORS OPEN**  
**GYMNASIUM | AT 5:30 PM**

**\$5 ENTRY FEE**  
**A NIGHT FULL OF RAFFLES AND LUCK!**  
**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE WHS CLASS OF 2026**

**RAFFLES, 50/50, DOOR PRIZE, TURKEY GIVEAWAY!!**

*Festival of Wreaths*

Presented by the Odd Fellows Zenith Lodge #42  
196 Winthrop St. Winthrop, MA

***The Festival of Wreaths Open House & Raffle will last from November 12<sup>th</sup> thru December 12<sup>th</sup> Open Tues. thru Thurs. 3-6 pm and Saturdays 12-2pm***

Enjoy refreshments while viewing the festive handmade wreaths created by local artisans and make your own holiday decorations with our live winter evergreens and supplies.

20 Raffle tickets included with your \$10.00 donation.

Winners drawn at the December 14th Zenith Lodge Holiday Dinner and called for pick-up the following week.

The Odd Fellows Zenith Lodge Thanks You For Your Support.

SAMPLE BALLOT

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE ELECTION

WINTHROP

OFFICIAL EARLY / ABSENTEE BALLOT

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Card No. 1 of 2

570

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the candidate's name. To vote for a person not on the ballot, write the person's name and residence in the blank space provided and fill in the oval.

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Vote for ONE

AYYADURAI and ELLIS ++++++ Independent

DE LA CRUZ and GARCIA + Socialism and Liberation

HARRIS and WALZ ++++++ Democratic

OLIVER and TER MAAT ++++++ Libertarian

STEIN and CABALLERO-ROCA + Green-Rainbow Party

TRUMP and VANCE ++++++ Republican

DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE.

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SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Vote for ONE

ELIZABETH ANN WARREN ++++++ Democratic

JOHN DEATON ++++++ Republican

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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Vote for ONE

KATHERINE M. CLARK ++++++ Democratic

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COUNCILLOR

Vote for ONE

TERRENCE W. KENNEDY ++++++ Democratic

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SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Vote for ONE

LYDIA MARIE EDWARDS ++++++ Democratic

JEANNA MARIE A. TAMAS ++++++ Republican

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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Vote for ONE

JEFFREY ROSARIO TURCO ++++++ Democratic

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CLERK OF SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Vote for ONE

ALLISON S. CARTWRIGHT ++++++ Democratic

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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT (CIVIL BUSINESS)

Vote for ONE

JOHN E. POWERS, III ++++++ Democratic

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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT (CRIMINAL BUSINESS)

Vote for ONE

MAURA HENNIGAN ++++++ Democratic

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REGISTER OF DEEDS

Vote for ONE

STEPHEN J. MURPHY ++++++ Democratic

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REGISTER OF PROBATE (TO FILL VACANCY)

Vote for ONE

STEPHANIE L. EVERETT ++++++ Democratic

MOHAMED BAH ++++++ Independent

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You may vote for every position on the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District Committee, regardless where you reside in the District.

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

BLANCA GACHARNA ++++++ Democratic

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

JAMES J. HOLLAND ++++++ Democratic

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

WARD HAMILTON ++++++ Democratic

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

JUDITH M. DYMENT ++++++ Democratic

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

ROBERT S. MCCARTHY ++++++ Democratic

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

ANTHONY L. CAGGIANO ++++++ Democratic

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

PETER A. ROSETTI, JR. ++++++ Democratic

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

LAWRENCE M. MEANS ++++++ Democratic

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

BRITTANY A. CARISELLA ++++++ Democratic

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

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DEBORAH P. DAVIS ++++++ Democratic

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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 1, 2024?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature. A YES VOTE would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature. A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the State Auditor's authority.

YES NO

CONTINUE ON BACK VOTE BOTH SIDES

SAMPLE BALLOT

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 1, 2024?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that a student pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests (or other statewide or district-wide assessments) in mathematics, science and technology, and English in order to receive a high school diploma. Instead, in order for a student to receive a high school diploma, the proposed law would require the student to complete coursework certified by the student's district as demonstrating mastery of the competencies contained in the state academic standards in mathematics, science and technology, and English, as well as any additional areas determined by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

A YES VOTE would eliminate the requirement that students pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in order to graduate high school but still require students to complete coursework that meets state standards.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the requirement that a student pass the MCAS in order to graduate high school.

YES   
NO

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 1, 2024?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would provide Transportation Network Drivers ("Drivers") with the right to form unions ("Driver Organizations") to collectively bargain with Transportation Network Companies ("Companies") which are companies that use a digital network to connect riders to drivers for pre-arranged transportation to create negotiated recommendations concerning wages, benefits and terms and conditions of work. Drivers would not be required to engage in any union activities. Companies would be allowed to form multi-Company associations to represent them when negotiating with Driver Organizations. The state would supervise the labor activities permitted by the proposed law and would have responsibility for approving or disapproving the negotiated recommendations.

The proposed law would define certain activities by a Company or a Driver Organization to be unfair work practices. The proposed law would establish a hearing process for the state Employment Relations Board ("Board") to follow when a Company or Driver Organization is charged with an unfair work practice. The proposed law would permit the Board to take action, including awarding compensation to adversely affected Drivers, if it found that an unfair work practice had been committed. The proposed law would provide for an appeal of a Board decision to the state Appeals Court.

This proposed law also would establish a procedure for determining which Drivers are Active Drivers, meaning that they completed more than the median number of rides in the previous six months. The proposed law would establish procedures for the Board to determine that a Driver Organization has signed authorization from at least five percent of Active Drivers, enabling the Driver Organization to a list of Active Drivers; to designate a Driver Organization as the exclusive bargaining representative for all Drivers based on signed authorizations from at least twenty-five percent of Active Drivers; to resolve disputes over exclusive bargaining status, including through elections; and to decertify a Driver Organization from exclusive bargaining status. A Driver Organization that has been designated the exclusive bargaining representative would have the exclusive right to represent the Drivers and to receive voluntary membership dues deductions.

Once the Board determined that a Driver Organization was the exclusive bargaining representative for all Drivers, the Companies would be required to bargain with that Driver Organization concerning wages, benefits and terms and conditions of work. Once the Driver Organization and Companies reached agreement on wages, benefits, and the terms and conditions of work, that agreement would be voted upon by all Drivers who has completed at least 100 trips the previous quarter. If approved by a majority of votes cast, the recommendations would be submitted to the state Secretary of Labor for approval and if approved, would be effective for three years. The proposed law would establish procedures for the mediation and arbitration if the Driver Organization and Companies failed to reach agreement within a certain period of time. An arbitrator would consider factors set forth in the proposed law, including whether the wages of Drivers would be enough so that Drivers would not need to rely upon any public benefits. The proposed law also sets out procedures for the Secretary of Labor's review and approval of recommendations negotiated by a Driver Organization and the Companies and for judicial review of the Secretary's decision.

The proposed law states that neither its provisions, an agreement or a determination by the Secretary would be able to lessen labor standards established by other laws, if there were any conflict between the proposed law and existing Massachusetts labor relations law, the proposed law would prevail.

The Board would make rules and regulations as appropriate to effectuate the proposed law.

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

A YES VOTE would provide transportation network driver the option to form unions to collectively bargain with transportation network companies regarding wages, benefits, and terms and conditions of work.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the ability of transportation network drivers to form unions.

YES   
NO

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 1, 2024?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow persons aged 21 and older to grow, possess, and use certain natural psychedelic substances in certain circumstances. The psychedelic substances allowed would be two substances found in mushrooms (psilocybin and psilocyn) and three substances found in plants (dimethyltryptamine, mesquite, and bogaine). These substances could be purchased at an approved location for use under the supervision of a licensed facilitator. This proposed law would otherwise prohibit any retail sale of natural psychedelic substances. This proposed law would also provide for the regulation and taxation of these psychedelic substances.

This proposed law would license and regulate facilities offering supervised use of these psychedelic substances and provide for the taxation of proceeds from those facilities' sales of psychedelic substances. It would also allow persons aged 21 and older to grow these psychedelic substances in a 12-foot by 12-foot area at their home and use these psychedelic substances at their home. This proposed law would authorize persons aged 21 or older to possess up to one gram of psilocybin, one gram of psilocyn, one gram of dimethyltryptamine, 10 grams of mesquite, and 30 grams of bogaine ("personal use amount"), in addition to whatever they might grow at their home, and to give away up to the personal use amount to a person aged 21 or over.

This proposed law would create a Natural Psychedelic Substances Commission of five members appointed by the Governor, Attorney General, and Treasurer which would administer the law governing the use and distribution of these psychedelic substances. The Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications, security, recordkeeping, education and training, health and safety requirements, testing, and age verification. This proposed law would also create a Natural Psychedelic Substances Advisory Board of 20 members appointed by the Governor, Attorney General, and Treasurer which would study and make recommendations to the Commission on the regulation and taxation of these psychedelic substances.

This proposed law would allow cities and towns to reasonably restrict the time, place, and manner of the operation of licensed facilities offering psychedelic substances, but cities and towns could not ban those facilities or their provision of these substances.

The proceeds of sales of psychedelic substances at licensed facilities would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 15 percent. In addition, a city or town could impose a separate tax of up to two percent. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax, license application fees, and civil penalties for violations of this proposed law would be deposited in a Natural Psychedelic Substances Regulation Fund and would be used, subject to appropriation, for administration of this proposed law.

Using the psychedelic substances as permitted by this proposed law could not be a basis to deny a person medical care or public assistance, impose discipline by a professional licensing board, or enter adverse order in child custody cases absent clear and convincing evidence that the activities created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child.

This proposed law would not affect existing laws regarding the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence, or the ability of employers to enforce workplace policies restricting the consumption of these psychedelic substances by employees. This proposed law would allow property owners to prohibit the use, display, growing, processing, or sale of these psychedelic substances on their premises. State and local governments could continue to restrict the possession and use of these psychedelic substances in public buildings or at schools.

This proposed law would take effect on December 15, 2024.

A YES VOTE would allow persons over age 21 to use certain natural psychedelic substances under licensed supervision and to grow and possess limited quantities of these substances in their home, and would create a commission to regulate those substances.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law regarding natural psychedelic substances.

YES   
NO

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YES

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