



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON  
INITIATIVE PETITIONS  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

## Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions

Rep. Alice H. Peisch  
House Chair

Sen. Cindy F. Friedman  
Senate Chair

### HEARING NOTICE

**Date of Hearing:** Monday, March 23, 2026

**Time:** 2:00 PM-4:30 PM

**Location:** A-1 and streamed virtual

The Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions will conduct a hearing in Room A-1, on Monday, March 23, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on ballot initiative NO. 25-10 An Act to restore a sensible marijuana policy (House, No. 5002).

The Joint Committee will hear invited testimony from experienced professionals and subject matter experts, proponents, and opponents. The public is invited to participate in this hearing. Advanced registration to present in-person oral testimony is required of anyone other than those invited. Those wishing to register to testify may do so by emailing Mollie Cecconi at [Mary.Cecconi@mahouse.gov](mailto:Mary.Cecconi@mahouse.gov). The deadline to register is Friday, March 20th at 12 PM. Please include your name, address, whether you support or oppose the question, and whether your testimony is on behalf of yourself or an organization. Participation will be limited as the portion of the hearing dedicated to public testimony is scheduled for 30 minutes. Chairs will limit testimony of the public to 2 minutes per speaker.

Should more people register than time can accommodate, they will be directed to submit written testimony. Written testimony may be submitted by mail to the Special Committee on Initiative Petitions at 24 Beacon Street, Room 235, Boston, MA 02133 or via email at [SpecialJointCommitteeonInitiativePetitions@malegislature.gov](mailto:SpecialJointCommitteeonInitiativePetitions@malegislature.gov). The deadline to submit written testimony is Friday, March 27th at 5:00 PM.

At the discretion of the Chairs and per committee rules, written testimony received by the committee will be made publicly available. The committee may limit availability or redact testimony that includes sensitive personal information, information about minors, or information that may jeopardize the health, wellness or safety of the testifier or others.

The livestream of this hearing will be available on the Legislature's website [here](#).

You may contact Committee staff with any questions at [Mary.Cecconi@mahouse.gov](mailto:Mary.Cecconi@mahouse.gov) or [Elizabeth.Berman@masenate.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Berman@masenate.gov).

Bill No.	Title
H5002	An Act to restore a sensible marijuana policy

Please be advised that the schedule and agenda are subject to change at the discretion of the chairs per Committee rules.

## **Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions Bill Summary**

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**BILL NUMBER**            House, No. 5002

**TITLE**                        An Act to restore a sensible marijuana policy

**HEARING DATE**            Monday, March 23, 2026, 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

### **SUMMARY**

#### SUMMARY OF NO. 25-10

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.