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Legalization in Massachusetts: Lessons Learned

- Implementation of Ballot Initiative; Preserve the will of the voters
- Importance of Balanced Regulations
- Economic Opportunities
 - Types of Licenses
 - Ancillary Business
 - Non-plant touching opportunities

Why Legalization Matters?

- Creates a regulated industry and brings it in line with other intoxicating substances
- Economic benefits to the state through generated tax revenue
- Creation of new jobs important to the local economy
- Public health is protected through safe, tested products for consumers
- Regulating cannabis works to decrease sales outside the legal market

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