

○ **PUBLIC SAFETY LAWS (*SUNDAY CLOSING*)**

STATUTORY CITATION: Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 136, §§ 5 – 6

GENERAL SUMMARY: Chapter 136 of the state statutes provides that whoever on Sunday does any manner of labor, business or work (other than works of necessity and charity) shall be punished by a fine ranging from \$20 to \$100 for a first offense, and a fine of between \$50 and \$200 for each subsequent offense.

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AGRICULTURE: Among other exceptions, the prohibition of work on Sunday **does not apply** to the cultivation of land, the raising and harvesting of agricultural products, or the making of cheese and butter.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — This provision is enforced by public prosecuting attorneys in criminal court.

SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *None.*