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To: All Massachusetts Chiefs of Police
The Police Commissioner of the City of Boston

From: William D. McKinney, Director
Department of Labor Standards

Date: October 14, 2015

Re: **Permits for Holiday Openings**
Thanksgiving Day – November 26, 2015
Christmas Day – December 25, 2015

The Department of Labor Standards must approve all local permits to allow retail stores and businesses to perform work and to be open on certain holidays, including Thanksgiving, November 26, 2015, and Christmas Day, December 25, 2015. Permits must be approved by the Department of Labor Standards on a uniform basis statewide. See Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 136, §15.

Please be advised that the Department of Labor Standards will not issue statewide approval for permits for businesses to open on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day 2015.

For further information please view our Blue Laws Overview on our website at <http://www.mass.gov/lwd/labor-standards/dls/mass-blue-laws/overview.html> or contact the Department of Labor Standards at (617) 626-6952.