

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO: H1650

TITLE: An Act to stop mass shootings

SPONSOR: Rep. Marjorie Decker

COSPONSOR: None

HEARING DATE: May 6, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: H1452 (2023-2024)
H4303 (2021-2022)

SENATE BILL: None

CURRENT LAW: Section 121 of chapter 140 of the General Laws defines relevant terms such as assault weapon and large capacity feeding device.

Section 131M of Chapter 140 restricts the sale and use of assault-style firearms and large capacity feeding devices. The sale and transfer or importation of these firearms and devices into the commonwealth is banned unless: (i) the assault-style firearm was legally owned before August 1, 2024; or (ii) the large capacity feeding device was purchased or brought into the commonwealth before September 13, 1994, and is confined to private property, gunsmiths repair areas, a firing range or in route to those locations.

BILL SUMMARY: Section 1 – Adds a new section to Chapter 269 prohibiting the manufacturing of assault-style firearms and large capacity feeding devices in the Commonwealth. This bill does not impact the sale to the military or law enforcement. Whoever violates this section will be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$1,000,000 or by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than ten years, or both.