

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO. H1682

TITLE: An Act to prevent assaults on sports officials

SPONSOR: Rep. Rodney M. Elliot

COSPONSORS: Rep. David F. DeCoste

HEARING DATE: May 6, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: H1475 (2023-2024)

SENATE BILL: None

CURRENT LAW: Section 13A of Chapter 265 of the General Laws makes assault and battery a crime punishable by 2.5 years in a house of correction or a \$1,000 fine or if it causes serious bodily injury punishment may be elevated to 5 years in state prison.

BILL SUMMARY: Section 1 - Adds a new section to Chapter 265 creating 2 new crimes: (1) knowingly assaulting a sporting official while in the performance of their duties punishable by a fine of \$500 to \$5,000, or by 90 days to 2.5 years in a house of correction, or both; (2) requiring a sports official to remain on the playing surface after the end of the sporting contest punishable by a fine of not more than \$200 or by not more than 30 days in a house of correction.