

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
BILL SUMMARY**

**BILL NO.** H1700

**TITLE:** An Act relative to noise reduction devices

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Paul K. Frost

**COSPONSOR:** Rep. David F. DeCoste

**HEARING DATE:** May 6, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY:** H1496 (2023-2024) H1410 (2019-2020)  
H1570 (2021-2022) H789 (2017-2018)

**SENATE BILL:** None

**CURRENT LAW:** Section 10A of Chapter 269 of the General Law forbids any person, other than specifically listed law enforcement, from selling, keeping for sale, offering, or giving any attachment designed to muffle the report of a firearm punishable by up to 5 years in prison or up to 2.5 years in a house of correction.

**BILL SUMMARY:** Section 1 - strikes the existing Section 10A and replaces the section with language that legalizes owning such firearm attachments unless the person is: (i) found in possession of the firearm attachment and they are prohibited from owning a firearm under c. 140 § 131; (ii) in the process of committing a felony or violent crime; (iii) committing a crime of violence against a family member; or (iv) selling or possessing controlled substances under c. 94C. A violation is punishable by up to 10 years in prison or up to 2.5 years in a house of correction.