

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO. H1825

TITLE: An Act relative to employees of private railroads

SPONSOR: Rep. Kathleen LaNatra

COSPONSORS: Rep. Michael D. Brady
Rep. John R. Gaskey
Rep. John J. Marsi

HEARING DATE: May 6, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: H1610 (2023-2024)

SENATE BILL: S1105 (Fernandes)

CURRENT LAW: Section 13D Chapter 265 of the General Laws creates the crime of assault and battery upon a public employee. It is punishable by up to 10 years in a state prison or 2.5 years in a house of corrections or a fine of up to \$1,000, or both fine and incarceration.

BILL SUMMARY: Section 1 – Adds employees of private railroads delivering public service, to the list of public employees protected by Section 13D.