

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO. H1789

TITLE: An Act relative to profits from crime

SPONSOR: Rep. Bradley H. Jones Jr.

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Rep. Paul K. Frost
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HEARING DATE: June 3, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: H1575 (2023-2024)
H1686 (2021-2022)
H3343 (2019-2020)
H865 (2017-2018)

SENATE BILL: None

CURRENT LAW: Chapter 258C of the General Laws outlines the standards, processes and rules for the compensation of victims of violent crimes in the Commonwealth. The Victim Compensation and Assistance division of the Attorney General is given the authority to administer the provisions of the Chapter including designating a program director and other staff, promulgating rules and regulations and apply for and receive funds.

Section 2A of Chapter 260 requires actions of tort, actions of contract to recover for personal injuries and actions of replevin to commence within 3 years after the cause of action accrues.

BILL SUMMARY: Section 1 – Creates a new Chapter 258F in the General Laws that requires any person who contracts with a defendant for consideration which the person knows, or reasonably should know, constitutes proceeds of a crime to submit the contract to the Division of Victim Compensation and Assistance who determines if the proceeds under the contract are substantially related to a crime. If so determined, the person

must pay the division any monies owed to the perpetrator of the crime for deposit into an account made available to the victims of crime. It also sets forth the procedure for submitting, determining, appealing, and enforcing claims including a requirement of filing a bond payable to the victim and the procedure for petitioning the Court for an order of enforcement.

Section 2 – Adds to Section 2A of Chapter 260 that actions for torts against a criminal defendant by the victim shall be tolled during a period of incarceration, parole or probation of the defendant for the crime committed against the victim.