

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
BILL SUMMARY**

**BILL NO.** H1943

**TITLE:** An Act relative to the collateral consequences of alimony

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Adrianna P. Ramos

**COSPONSORS:** None

**HEARING DATE:** April 22, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY:** H1633 (2021 - 2022)  
H3701 (2019 - 2020)

**SENATE BILL:** S1100 (Feeney)

**CURRENT LAW:** Section 53 of Chapter 208 of the General Laws sets the calculations and considerations a court must use to determine alimony. Sub-section (b) states that except for reimbursement alimony or circumstances warranting deviation for other forms of alimony, the amount of alimony should generally not exceed the recipient's need or 30 to 35 per cent of the difference between the parties' gross incomes established at the time of the order being issued.

**BILL SUMMARY:** This legislation adds language to sub-section (b) of Section 53 of Chapter 208 reducing the per cent calculations to 21 to 28 per cent if the gross income is not tax deductible.