

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
BILL SUMMARY**

**BILL NO.** H2045

**TITLE:** An Act relative to health care proxies

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Thomas P. Walsh

**HEARING DATE:** April 22, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY:** H.1812 (2023-2024)  
H1918 (2021-2022)  
H3474 (2019-2020)

**SENATE BILL:** None

**CURRENT LAW:** General Law c. 201D § 2 grants the right to appoint a health care agent or proxy. It requires a written declaration to be signed in front of witnesses.

**BILL SUMMARY:** Section 1 adds that a health care proxy remains in effect and shall not be revoked due to death of the principal until 6 months from the time of the principal's death.