

**Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary**

Bill No. H2400

Title: *An Act measuring the impact of Long COVID in the Commonwealth*

Sponsor: Representatives Mindy Domb and Marjorie C. Decker

Committee: Public Health

Hearing Date: June 11, 2025

Similar Matters: None

Prior History: New file

Reporting Deadline: August 10, 2025

Current Law:

- **M.G.L. Chapter 111** pertains to the regulation of public health in Massachusetts, including duties of the Commissioner of Public Health, the prevention of disease, and the operation of healthcare facilities

Summary:

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to track the impacts of Long COVID in Massachusetts. It requires DPH to establish a definition for Long COVID and determine efficient methods to conduct surveillance, outlining proper reporting procedures.

Chapter 111 of the M.G.L. is amended by inserting a new section, Section 245:

Subsection (a) requires DPH to create a surveillance case definition for Long COVID that aligns with the definition established by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM).

Subsection (b) requires DPH to determine the most effective method of conducting active surveillance on Long COVID to better understand its prevalence and impact on the Commonwealth's population and health care systems.

Subsection (c) requires DPH to develop a case report form to support surveillance efforts and may collect information on patients diagnosed with Long COVID, including:

- Gender identity
- Race
- County of residence
- Primary language
- Presenting symptom(s) or condition(s) as it relates to their diagnosis

- Date of initial infection with COVID-19

Subsection (d) requires DPH to conduct active public health surveillance of Long COVID within six months of enactment of this act. It also requires DPH to determine the frequency of releasing surveillance reports available to the public, no less than on an annual basis.

Subsection (e) requires DPH to provide a report to the House and Senate clerks and the Joint Committee on Public Health on the progress of the Long COVID surveillance efforts, to be released no later than one year after enactment.