

Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary

Bill No. H2406
Title: *An Act relative to health care worker and first responder safety*
Sponsor: Represe
Committee: Public Health
Hearing Date: June 11, 2025
Similar Matters: S1495
Prior History: Refile of H2177 of 23-24; referred to Public Health; accompanied a study order.
Reporting Deadline: August 10, 2025

Current Law:

- **M.G.L. Chapter 111** pertains to public health.
 - **§ 70F** pertains to HIV antibody or antigen tests including the requirement for informed consent before such tests, as well as the disclosure of test results and the identity of the test subject.

Summary:

This legislation amends M.G.L. Chapter 111 § 70F by adding a new paragraph that would allow for compulsory source testing for an infectious disease if a health care provider, first responder, police officer, fire official, prison guard, or other public officer in the line of duty encounters another person's bodily fluid. The results of the test would be made available to the public officer or health care provider with or without the consent of the other party.