

Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary

Bill No. H4022

Title: *Resolve providing for the study and investigation relative to the efficacy of alternative treatments for veterinary medicine*

Sponsor: Representative James C. Arena-DeRosa

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 4** pertains to statutes.
- **M.G.L. Chapter 4 § 2A** pertains to special legislative commissions.
- **M.G.L. Chapter 140** pertains to licenses.
- **M.G.L. Chapter 140 § 145B** pertains to vaccination against rabies.
- **M.G.L. Chapter 13** pertains to the division and boards of registration.
- **M.G.L. Chapter 13 § 26** pertains to the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine.

Summary:

This legislation establishes a special commission to study the efficacy and safety of amending the state rabies vaccine laws for the purposes of exempting certain pets with illness who display a sufficient level of rabies antibodies through a titer test from receiving a rabies vaccine. The commission is responsible for reporting the results of the study and its findings and legislative recommendations to the Clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate by January 1, 2027.

Commission appointments must be made no later than 30 days after the effective date of this resolve. Membership of the special commission includes:

- The chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Health or their designees, who shall serve as co-chairs;
- The commissioner of the Department of Public Health or their designee;
- The commissioner of the Division of Occupational Licensure or their designee; and
- 5 members of the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine.