

**Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary**

Bill No. H2417
Title: *An Act relative to medical sharps stewardship*
Sponsor: Representative Carole A. Fiola
Committee: Public Health
Hearing Date: June 11, 2025
Similar Matters: None
Prior History: New File
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Current Law:

- **M.G.L. c. 94H** pertains to the drug stewardship program.
- **M.G.L. c. 94H § 1** pertains to definitions used throughout the Section.
- **M.G.L. c.94H § 3** pertains to the drug stewardship program plan and requirements.

Summary:

The bill amends parts of the M.G.L. Chapter 94H, which governs drug stewardship programs, requires entities seeking to operate drug stewardship programs to also facilitate the safe collection and return of medical sharps, including hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, auto-injectors, infusion sets, and connection needles.

SECTION 1-3 amend M.G.L. Chapter 94H § 1 by updating the definition of “covered drug” to include sharps subject to collection and disposal procedures under the Controlled Substances Act, and inserting a definition for “sharps” and “sharps disposal containers.”

SECTION 4 amends M.G.L. Chapter 94H § 3 by striking the section in its entirety and inserting new language that requires entities seeking to operate drug stewardship programs to also facilitate the safe collection and return of medical sharps, including hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, auto-injectors, infusion sets, and connection needles. For all covered drugs, excluding sharps, entities must provide a convenient and ongoing collection system consisting of at least two methods recommended by the Department of Public Health. For sharps, entities must utilize a mail-back collection system that issues prepaid and pre-addressed packaging for pharmacies to distribute upon consumer request or when filing prescriptions that include sharps.

