

**Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary**

Bill No.	H2422
Title:	<i>An Act relative to Parkinson's Disease public awareness and education</i>
Sponsor:	Representative William C. Galvin
Committee:	Public Health
Hearing Date:	June 11, 2025
Similar Matters:	None
Prior History:	Refile of H2170 of 23-24; referred to Public Health; accompanied a study order.
Reporting Deadline:	August 10, 2025
Current Law:	None

Summary:

This legislation requires DPH to establish a public awareness campaign on Parkinson's disease to promote public awareness of Parkinson's disease, develop informational booklets for healthcare facilities, and establish educational programs for various personnel to recognize and respond to symptoms.

Section 1 requires the Department of Public Health (DPH), in consultation with the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association, to establish a public information and education program on Parkinson's disease to promote public awareness of the disease. The outreach campaign must focus on the cause of the disease, the importance of early detection, diagnostic procedures, environmental safety and treatment options.

Section 2 requires DPH to develop informational booklets about Parkinson's disease and make them available to all licensed health care facilities involved in its diagnosis and treatment. These booklets must be accessible online and available to healthcare professionals, community health centers, and the public upon request.

Section 3 requires DPH to develop educational programs for other personnel, including judicial staff, police officers, fire fighters, social services and EMS providers, to assist in recognizing disease symptoms and appropriately respond to individuals affected by the disease.

Section 4 requires DPH to create and maintain a list of current providers offering specialized services for the diagnosis and treatment of Parkinson's disease, accompanied by a description of diagnostic procedures.

Section 5 This act shall take effect 180 days after enactment.