

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
BILL SUMMARY**

**BILL NO.** H1750

**TITLE:** An Act to protect victims of stalking in violation of harassment prevention orders.

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Kate Hogan

**COSPONSOR(S):** Rep. Adrienne Pusateri Ramos

**HEARING DATE:** June 17, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY:** H1551 (2023-2024)  
H1658 (2021-2022)

**SENATE BILL:** None

**CURRENT LAW:** Section 7 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws requires a Court to transmit two copies of an order requiring a defendant to vacate, refrain from abusing the plaintiff or to have no contact with the plaintiff or the plaintiff's minor child to law enforcement officials for service on the defendant.

Section 9 of Chapter 258E of the General Laws requires the Court to send Harassment or No Contact Orders to law enforcement officials, who must also serve any outstanding warrant for abuse and a finding of likely bodily injury as soon as practicable.

Section 43 of Chapter 265 criminalizes stalking, defined as willful conduct directed at a specific person that seriously alarms or annoys said person and makes a threat to place them in fear of harm.

**BILL SUMMARY:** Section 1 – Adds a requirement to Section 7 of Chapter 209A for law enforcement to notify the victim when notice has been served and if service has not been completed, inform the victim every 24 hours until service is complete.

Section 2 - Adds a requirement to Section 9 of Chapter 258E for law enforcement to notify the victim when notice has been served and if service has not been completed, inform the victim every 24 hours until service is complete.

Section 3 – Adds harassment prevention orders to the list of sentence enhancers for stalking under Section 43 of Chapter 265 despite an order preventing contact.

Section 4 – Adds violations of Chapter 258E to the list of sentence enhancers for stalking under Section 43 of Chapter 265 despite an order preventing contact.