

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
BILL SUMMARY**

**BILL NO.** H1808

**TITLE:** An Act maintaining the integrity of sex offender classifications.

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Patrick Joseph Kearney

**COSPONSOR(S):** None

**HEARING DATE:** June 17, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY:** H1595 (2023-2024)  
H1704 (2021-2022)

**SENATE BILL:** None

**CURRENT LAW:** Section 178L of Chapter 6 provides any person aggrieved by the board's sex offender classification recommendation a right to petition the board to request an evidentiary hearing to challenge said classification. Counsel will be appointed to the person if they are found to be indigent and the board may further grant payment of fees for an expert witness if necessary. The hearing will determine by a preponderance of evidence the sex offender's duty to register and final classification. The board may seek reclassification on their own initiative or upon the written request of a police department or district attorney if new evidence relevant to the determination of a risk of re-offense or degree of dangerous is received.

**BILL SUMMARY:** Section 1 – Adds to Section 178L of Chapter 6 that for offender-initiated motions for reclassification the offender bears the burden of showing by clear and convincing evidence that their risk of re-offense and degree of dangerousness posed to the public have decreased following their final classification.