

**Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary**

Bill No. H2515
Title: *An Act relative to the exposure of public safety officials to HIV*
Sponsor: Representative Bridget Plouffe
Committee: Public Health
Hearing Date: June 25, 2025
Similar Matters: None
Prior History: Refile of H3607 of 23-24; Referred to Public Health; Accompanied a study order.
Reporting Deadline: August 24, 2025

Current Law:

- **M.G.L. Chapter 111** pertains to public health.
- **M.G.L. Chapter 111 § 70F** prohibits HIV testing of a person without prior, informed, verbal consent.

Summary:

This bill allows certain public safety officials who have been exposed to the bodily fluid of another in the course of their official duties to request a court-ordered HIV test to determine the risk of contracting HIV. The results may only be shared with the public safety official and their medical care provider. This bill also clarifies that health care providers or facilities will not be in breach of the requirement to obtain prior, written informed consent and to disclose the test results to the public safety official and their medical care provider.

SECTION 1 amends M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 70F by clarifying that a facility, physician or health care provider may perform an HIV test in compliance with a court order issued pursuant to Section 2 of this legislation.

SECTION 2 amends M.G.L. Chapter 111 by adding a new section, Section 70I. Section 70I permits any law enforcement officer, health care provider, firefighter, EMS personnel, or paramedic who has been exposed to the transfer of the bodily fluid of another person in the course of their official duties to seek a court order compelling that other person to submit to an HIV test. The results of the test can only be shared with the exposed public safety official and their medical care provider.