

**Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary**

BILL NUMBER: H411

TITLE: An Act relative to national criminal background checks for section 12 and 15 licenses

SPONSOR(S): Jones, Bradley

HEARING DATE: July 7, 2025

REPORTING DEADLINE: September 5, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY

(2023-2024): H340 - Accompanied a study order, see H4680.

CURRENT LAW

Section 172 of Chapter 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws governs the maintenance, accessibility, eligibility for access, and use of the Criminal Offender Record Information Database.

Section 12 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws regulates on premises alcohol consumption sales in the Commonwealth.

Section 15 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws regulates off-premises alcohol consumption sales in the Commonwealth.

SUMMARY

This legislation seeks to authorize the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission to obtain all available criminal offender record information for applicants for section 12 or section 15 licenses, including national background checks, and make those records available to local licensing authorities for the limited purpose of the licensing approval review process.