

## **Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure 2025-2026 (194<sup>th</sup>) Bill Summary**

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**BILL NUMBER:** H417

**TITLE:** An Act relative to notification of licenses

**SPONSOR(S):** Kilcoyne, Meghan

**HEARING DATE:** July 7, 2025

**REPORTING DEADLINE:** September 5, 2025

### **PRIOR HISTORY**

(2017-2018): H191 - Bill reported favorably by Committee and referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

(2019-2020): H337 - Accompanied a study order, see H5043.

(2021-2022): H450 - Accompanied a study order, see H4880.

(2023-2024): H380 - Accompanied a study order, see H4680.

### **CURRENT LAW**

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

Section 15A of Chapter 138 of the General Laws requires license applicants for on premises or off premises alcoholic beverages consumption, or certain registered pharmacists to notify abutters of the proposed location by registered mail.

### **SUMMARY**

This legislation seeks to require that every applicant for an original license, for a transfer of a license, or for a change in the description of licensed premises, notify all section 15 license holders in that city or town by registered mail.