

Committee on Public Health

Bill Summary

Bill No.	H2405/S1525
Title:	<i>An Act to ensure safe medication administration</i>
Sponsor:	Rep. Daniel Donahue/Sen. James Eldridge
Committee:	Public Health
Hearing Date:	July 14, 2025
Similar Matters:	S1525
Prior History:	Refile of H2149 of 23-24; Referred to Public Health; Accompanied a study order.
Reporting Deadline:	September 12, 2025

Current Law:

- **M.G.L. Chapter 94C § 7** governs the registration of persons authorized to manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess controlled substances.

Summary:

This legislation adds a new subsection M.G.L., chapter 94C, §7 to limit the administration of controlled substances in schedules II, III, IV, V, and VI to only licensed dentists, nurses, physicians, podiatrists, perfusionists, optometrists, or veterinarians. This limitation would not apply to:

- Self-administration
- Administration of epinephrine pens in an emergency
- Administration of controlled substances by EMS personnel
- Administration of controlled substances by any ill, injured or infirm person's domestic partner or family member(s)

“Self-administration” is defined to include:

- the ability of any ill, injured or infirm person who has sufficient understanding of their prescribed controlled substance(s)
- the indications and contraindications for such controlled substance(s);
- a recollection of the administration schedule for such controlled substance(s)
- and ability to communicate this knowledge and the experienced effect of having taken a controlled substance, to supervise an unlicensed person in the direct administration of such controlled substance(s) to them.