

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
BILL SUMMARY**

**BILL NO.** H1773

**TITLE:** An Act prohibiting motor vehicle tracking devices without consent.

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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**HEARING DATE:** July 15, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY:** H1572 (2023 – 2024)

**SENATE BILL:** None

**REPORTING DEADLINE:** September 13, 2025 (subject extensions, in accordance with House Rule 27)

**CURRENT LAW:** Section 43A of Chapter 265 of the General Laws defines harassment as a willful and malicious pattern of conduct or series of acts directed at a person which seriously alarms the person and would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress. This is punishable by up to 2.5 years' incarceration or a fine of up to \$5,000, or both. A second or subsequent harassment crime is punishable by incarceration for up to 2.5 years in jail or up to 10 years in state prison or by a fine of not more than \$15,000, or both.

**BILL SUMMARY:** This legislation adds a new Section 43B to Chapter 265 prohibiting the knowing placement of a mobile tracking device on a motor vehicle to monitor its operator or occupants without the consent of its operator and occupants punishable as criminal harassment. There are exceptions for: (i) law enforcement in furtherance of a criminal investigation; (ii) parents/guardians monitoring their own children; (iii) persons to put on their own vehicles in the event it is stolen; (iv) business owners to track business vehicles used by employees; (v) vehicle manufacturers, car rental companies, and insurance companies for limited purposes.