

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO. H1712

TITLE: An Act requiring blood testing for a surviving drivers.

SPONSOR: Rep. Collen M. Garry

COSPONSOR(S): None

HEARING DATE: September 9, 2025

REPORTING DEADLINE: November 8, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: H1507 (2023-2024) H1417 (2019-2020)
H1596 (2021-2022) H3497 (2017-2018)

SENATE BILL: None

CURRENT LAW: Section 24 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws sets the procedures and penalties for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or other narcotic substances. It further outlines when and how a blood test may be taken after an arrest under this section.

BILL SUMMARY: Sections 1, 3, 9, 11, 13, 14 and 15 – Adds language including in the standards for testing permitted after an arrest for operating under the influence in Section 24 instances when a person is involved in any motor vehicle accident or collision resulting in personal injury or death.

Sections 2, 4, 8, 10 and 12 – Removes the arrest requirement for blood testing for persons suspected of operating under the influence.

Section 5 – Removes a person’s ability to refuse a blood test.

Section 7 – Requires a police officer to proceed in administering the blood test or analysis once their blood alcohol percentage is found to exceed that permitted by law.