

# Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

## Bill Summary

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	Senate, No. S2114
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act establishing a jail and prison construction moratorium
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Senator Joanne M. Comerford
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	2023-24 (S. 2821): Reported favorably; referred to Senate Ways and Means 2021-2022 (S2030): Reported favorably; referred to Senate Ways and Means
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	H.3422 (Rep. Chynah Tyler- Identical)
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 7C: Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

### **SUMMARY**

This bill imposes a five-year moratorium on the construction or expansion of jails, prisons, and other correctional facilities in Massachusetts. The bill prohibits the state from studying, planning, designing, acquiring, leasing, searching for sites, or constructing new correctional facilities or detention centers; expanding the capacity of existing facilities; converting any existing or dormant facilities for the purpose of detention or incarceration; or renovating any facilities to increase capacity during the moratorium. The moratorium does not affect necessary maintenance and upkeep on existing correctional facilities, and the bill specifies that maintenance and upkeep are explicitly allowed during the moratorium. A state-wide pause will allow the Commonwealth to consider the extensive existing research on the impact of investing in incarceration versus a range of proven alternatives and community-based support, and make plans for how to best move forward to address the root causes of incarceration and support Massachusetts residents.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	Senate, No. 2121
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act establishing the official marine flora of the Commonwealth
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Senator Brendan P. Crighton
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	H.3285 (Rep. Jennifer Balinsky Armini - Identical)
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 2: Arms, Great Seal and other Emblems of the Commonwealth

### **SUMMARY**

Amends MGL to establish eelgrass as the official marine flora of the Commonwealth.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	Senate, No. 2138
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act reducing the costs for small businesses
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Senator Ryan Fattman
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	H.1256 (Rep. Joseph D. McKenna - Identical)
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Section 12 of Chapter 156C: Certificate of Organization

**SUMMARY**

Reduces the fees for the filing of a certificate of organization and annual reports for Limited Liability Corporations from \$500 to \$250.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	Senate, No. 2152
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act designating June 7 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Senator Cindy F. Friedman
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	H.3305 (Rep. Michelle L. Ciccolo - Identical)
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This bill would recognize June 7th annually as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	Senate, No. 2153
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act establishing the fourth Thursday in March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Senator Cindy F. Friedman
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	H.3306 (Rep. Michelle L. Ciccolo - Identical)
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This bill would recognize the fourth Thursday of March annually as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	Senate, No. 2182
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act establishing May as native plant month
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Senator Michael O. Moore
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This bill would designate the month of May as Native Plant Month in Massachusetts.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	Senate, No. 2184
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act establishing Diwali as a state holiday
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Senator Michael O. Moore
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	H.3430 (Rep. Marcus S. Vaughn - Identical) H.3326 (Rep. Rodney Elliott - Identical)
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This bill would recognize the fifteenth day of the Hindu lunisolar month of Kartik as Diwali Day in Massachusetts.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	Senate, No. 2208
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act establishing Election Day as a holiday and providing paid voting leave
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Senator Rebecca L. Rausch
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Section 7 of Chapter 4: Definitions of Statutory Terms: Statutory Constructions Chapter 149: Labor and Industries

**SUMMARY**

This bill would make Election Day a statewide holiday and, for those who cannot take the holiday due to election or other essential work, provide 2 hours paid voting leave.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	Senate, No. 2214
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act establishing the official tugboat of the Commonwealth
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Senator Michael F. Rush
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 2: Arms, Great Seal and other Emblems of the Commonwealth

**SUMMARY**

Designates literary character “Tawney the Tugboat”, as the official tugboat of the commonwealth.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	Senate, No. 2215
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act establishing the official barrier boat of the Commonwealth
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Senator Michael F. Rush
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 2: Arms, Great Seal and other Emblems of the Commonwealth

**SUMMARY**

Designates literary character “Lil’ Davey”, as the official barrier boat of the commonwealth.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3285
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act establishing the official marine flora of the Commonwealth.
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Jennifer Balinsky Armini
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This legislation would designate the eelgrass as the official marine flora of the Commonwealth.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3298
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act relative to Machado-Joseph Disease Awareness Day
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Antonio F. D. Cabral & Senator Michael Rodrigues
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	2023-24 (H. 5078): Reported favorably; referred to House Steering
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

### **SUMMARY**

This bill would establish July 2 as Machado-Joseph Disease Awareness Day.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3304
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act relative to making Election Day a state holiday
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Tackey Chan
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	2023-24 (H. 3004): Ordered to a House Study 2021-22 (H. 1493): Ordered to a House Study
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	H. 3344 (Rep. James Hawkins - Identical) S. 2208 (Sen. Rebecca Rausch - Identical)
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Section 7 of chapter 4: Chapter 4 establishes statutes and in section 7 it includes what days are legal holidays

### **SUMMARY**

This bill would amend section 7 of chapter 4 to include the presidential election day as a holiday.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3305
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act designating June 7 as Tourette Syndrome awareness day
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Michelle Ciccolo
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	S. 2152 (Sen. Cindy Friedman – Identical)
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor’s role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This bill would establish June 7<sup>th</sup> as Tourette Syndrome awareness day.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3306
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act establishing the fourth Thursday in March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Michelle Ciccolo
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	S. 2153 (Sen. Cindy Friedman – Identical)
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor’s role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This bill would establish the fourth Thursday in March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3320
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act designating the Black Swallowtail as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts official butterfly in honor of William P. Callahan III
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Daniel Donahue
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This legislation would designate the Black Swallowtail as the official butterfly of the Commonwealth.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3322
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act relative to regulation of privatization contracts
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Daniel Donahue
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	2023-24 (H.3023): Ordered to a House Study 2021-22 (H.3128): Ordered to a House Study
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Section 53 of chapter 7: Definitions section for the Executive Office for Administration and Finance

**SUMMARY**

Amends the fourth sentence in Section 53 of MGL Chapter 7 to exclude the provision solely of legal and management consulting services from being considered a privatization contract.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3323
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act making amendments to the Massachusetts Business Corporation Act
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Paul Donato
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	2023-24 (H.3024): Reported favorably, referred to House Steering 2021-22 (H.3129): Reported favorably, referred to House Steering
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Sections of Chapter 156D: Governing business corporations

### **SUMMARY**

Amends various provisions of Chapter 156D, the statutes governing business corporations to make changes to a number of those provisions relating to a wide range of topics such as distributions, voting rules, and organization, many of which are mostly technical changes, such as changing "corporations" to "corporation's." This long and complex piece of legislation updates many sections of chapter 156D (Business Corporations), making in many cases rather technical amendments, including adding "series" to "classes," amending the definition of "public corporation," and by establishing that the directors, president, treasurer, and secretary named in the articles of organization are to be the "initial directors, president, treasurer and secretary," and by making many other technical changes in what is permitted to be part of the Articles of Organization.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3326
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act designating Diwali Day as a state holiday
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Rodney M. Elliott
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	H.3430 (Rep. Marcus S. Vaughn - Identical) S.2184 (Sen. Michael O. Moore – Identical)
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor’s role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This legislation would designate Diwali as a legal holiday in the Commonwealth.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3338
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act proclaiming April 25th of each year to be Parental Alienation Awareness Day
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Colleen M. Garry
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This legislation would make April 25th of each year Parental Alienation Awareness Day.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3344
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act making election day a legal holiday for state and municipal employees
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative James K. Hawkins
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This legislation would make election day a legal holiday for state and municipal employees.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3353
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act relative to corporate filing requirements
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Steven Howitt
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	2023-24 (H.3056): Ordered to a House Study 2021-22 (H.3172): Ordered to a House Study
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Section 3B of Chapter 7: Determining charges and fees for state personnel or agency services Section 63 of Chapter 109: Establishing annual report fees for domestic or foreign limited partnerships authorized to transact business in the commonwealth Section 16.22 of Chapter 156D: Outlining items in the annual report filed with the secretary of state by domestic and foreign corporations authorized to transact business in the commonwealth

### **SUMMARY**

Provides that no additional surcharge for payment of state services be assessed due to payment method (such as check, credit card) where such method is approved for use.

Reduces the filing fee for a limited partnership to file its annual report from \$500 to \$450 and permits no additional surcharge be assessed due to payment method (such as check, credit card) where such method is approved for use. (current fee is \$500 except for electronic filing which is \$450).

Adds a new section (d) to Chapter 156D section 16.22 relative to the filing of corporate annual reports to include that no additional surcharge be assessed due to payment method (such as check, credit card) where such method is approved for use.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3381
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act establishing Getting to Zero Week
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Jack Patrick Lewis
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	None
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This legislation would establish the annual issuance of a proclamation by the Governor setting apart December first through the eighth as Getting to Zero Week.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3422
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act establishing a jail and prison construction moratorium
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representative Chynah Tyler
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORTING OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	2023-24 (H. 1795): Ordered to a study 2021-22 (H. 1905): Ordered to a study
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	S. 2114 (Sen. Comerford – Identical)
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 7C: Division of capital asset management and maintenance

### **SUMMARY**

This bill inserts a new section into Chapter 7C that prohibits a state or public agency from acquiring, leasing or renovating any facility into a correctional facility, but it does allow them to do routine maintenance and make improvements to current facilities.

It also includes a definition for “county jail and regional lockup facility” and that if a county jail and regional lockup facility closes the county sheriff may transfer no more than 30 beds to a current correctional facility.

This section will be repealed in 5 years.

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<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	House, No. 3430
<b>TITLE</b>	An Act designating Diwali Day as a state holiday
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Representatives Marcus S. Vaughn and Hannah Kane
<b>HEARING DATE</b>	May 13, 2025
<b>REPORT OUT DATE</b>	July 12, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY</b>	None
<b>SIMILAR MATTERS</b>	H.3326 (Rep. Rodney Elliott - Identical) S.2184 (Sen. Michael O. Moore - Identical)
<b>CURRENT LAW</b>	Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

**SUMMARY**

This legislation would establish the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate the fifteenth day of the Hindu lunisolar month of Kartik as Diwali Day.