

Massachusetts House of Representatives
Bill Summary

Bill #: H.2246

Title: An Act to hold property owners accountable for recurring public nuisance

Sponsor: Rep. Bruce Ayers

Committee: Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: June 24, 2025

Prior History: Refile of H.2026 (Study Order H.4573)

Current Law: Many General Laws concern various types of nuisances. In this context, some provisions of Chapter 272 may apply as that chapter deals with crimes committed by individuals against good order.

Summary: Section 1 prescribes accountability for property owners who face multiple public nuisance complaints. This section states that a property owner will be responsible for the costs associated with any additional police calls and other costs incurred by the police department and/or municipality following 10 police calls regarding complaints from or involving a specific location over a period of 1 year.

Section 2 holds that any funds collected from property owners in Section 1 of this legislation shall go to the municipality.

Section 3 states that the enforcement of this legislation is at the discretion of the Chief of Police or another municipal authority where the property is located.