

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY**

Bill No: H1224

Title: AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROVIDING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BIENNIAL ECHOCARDIOGRAM AND CONCUSSION ANALYSIS FOR PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

Sponsor: Rep. Sally Kerans (*Danvers*)

Hearing Date: October 8, 2025

Reporting Deadline: December 3, 2025

Prior History:

2023-24 (H1067): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; Ordered to a House Study

2019-20 (H1110): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; Reporting deadline extended; No further action taken

2017-18 (H2978): Ordered to a House Study

Similar Matters: H4622 (Walsh)

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. c. 32A Contributory Group General or Blanket Insurance for Persons in the Service of the Commonwealth (Group Insurance Commission)

M.G.L. c. 175 Insurance

M.G.L. c. 176A Non-Profit Hospital Service Corporations (Blue Cross of Massachusetts)

M.G.L. c. 176B Medical Service Corporations (Blue Shield of Massachusetts)

M.G.L. c. 176G Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)

SUMMARY:

The Group Insurance Commission and commercial health insurers will provide coverage for biennial echocardiogram and concussion analysis for insureds between the ages of 5 and 18.