

**The 194th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
2025-2026  
Bill Summary**

**Bill No:** H1231

**Title:** An Act providing for temporary emergency licensing of appraisers of motor vehicle damage covered by auto insurance policies.

**Sponsor:** Rep. John J. Lawn, Jr.

**Committee:** Financial Services

**Hearing Date:** May 27, 2025

**Reporting Date:** July 26, 2025

**Similar Matters:** S702

**Prior History:**

H1033 (2019-2020) Study

H1139 (2021-2022) Favorable to 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading;

H1079 (2023-2024) Favorable to House Steering, Policy, and Scheduling

**Current Law:** Section 8G of chapter 26 of General Laws of Massachusetts provides for an auto damage appraiser licensing board. The board is responsible for licensing individuals who appraise motor vehicles damages arising out of vehicle damage claims.

**Summary:** If governor declares an emergency, the Commissioner of Insurance can appoint emergency appraisers. The appraiser would be already licensed in another state or who works for an insurer that does business in Massachusetts and who regularly appraises in a state where a license is not required will qualify.