

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES  
2025-2026 (194<sup>th</sup>) BILL SUMMARY**

**Bill No:** H1295

**Title:** AN ACT PROMOTING CONSUMER CHOICE IN HEALTH CARE

**Sponsor:** Rep. Sean Reid (*Lynn*)

**Hearing Date:** September 17, 2025

**Reporting Deadline:** November 16, 2025

**Prior History:**

2023-24 (H1136): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; Ordered to a House Study

2021-22 (H1194): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; Ordered to a House Study

2019-20 (H1100): Ordered to a House Study

2017-18 (H2975): Ordered to a House Study

2015-16 (H819): Ordered to a House Study

**Similar Matters:** S695 (Crighton – Identical)

**CURRENT LAW:**

*M.G.L. c. 112 Registration of Certain Professions and Occupations § 23A, Definitions applicable to Secs. 23A to 23P*

“Athletic trainer”, any person who is duly licensed as an athletic trainer and who limits his practice to schools, teams or organizations with whom he is associated and who is under the direction of a physician or dentist duly registered in the commonwealth.

“Athletic training”, the application of principles, methods and procedures of evaluation and treatment of athletic injuries, preconditioning, conditioning and reconditioning of the athlete through the use of appropriate preventative and supportive devices, temporary splinting and bracing, physical modalities of heat, cold, massage, water, electric stimulation, sound, exercise and exercise equipment under the discretion of a physician. Athletic training includes instruction to coaches, athletes, parents, medical personnel and communities in the area of care and prevention of athletic injuries.

*M.G.L. Chapter 175 Insurance*

**SUMMARY:**

An individual, general, blanket, or group policy of health, accident, and sickness insurance will provide coverage on a nondiscriminatory basis for services provided by athletic trainers if those services are within the athletic trainer’s scope of practice and would otherwise have been covered had they been provided by another licensed health care provider.