

Joint Committee on Agriculture

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H.134

Title: An Act relative to agricultural crop and property destruction

Sponsors: Representative Orrall of Lakeville

Hearing Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 10:30 AM - 01:00 PM, B-2

Reporting Date: Saturday, July 12, 2025

Similar Matters: None

Prior History:

2023-2024: Filed as H.97; Referred to the Joint Committee on Agriculture; Reported favorably to House Steering, Policy, and Scheduling

2021-2022: Filed as H.1871; Referred to the Joint Committee on Judiciary; Accompanied Study Order H.4844

CURRENT LAW:

Chapter 242 of the Massachusetts General Laws relates to waste and trespassing on land.

Section 7B of Chapter 242 of the Massachusetts General Laws relates to damage by off-highway or recreational vehicle to field crop or agricultural property.

SUMMARY:

This bill strikes subsection (a) of section 7B and replaces it with language to create a tort for a person who intentionally destroys crop land or agricultural property of another person with a vehicle. This bill also changes subsection (f) by inserting after the words “husbandry, structure” the words “or device.”