

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

**Bill Number:** H.151

**Title:** An Act relative to cannabis research

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Michael J. Finn (West Springfield)

**Hearing Date:** May 7, 2025

**Reporting Deadline:** July 6, 2025

**Prior History:** None.

**Similar Matters:** None.

**CURRENT LAW:**

Section 4 of Chapter 94G of the Massachusetts General Laws enables the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) to establish additional types of licenses to operate marijuana-related businesses, including licenses intended to facilitate scientific research. To obtain a Marijuana research Facility License and Research Permit pursuant to CCC regulations 935 CMR 500.147, applicants must submit detailed research plans that are expressly subject to release pursuant to the Public Records Law.

**SUMMARY:**

H.151 amends section 7 of Chapter 4 to exempt a research licensee's trade secrets or other proprietary information from the definition of "Public records."