

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

**Bill Number:** H.153

**Title:** An Act requiring informed consent for marijuana testing

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Russell E. Holmes (Boston)

**Hearing Date:** May 7, 2025

**Reporting Deadline:** July 6, 2025

**Prior History:**  
2023-2024 (H.110): Accompanied a study order.  
2021-2022 (H.4026): Accompanied a study order.

**Similar Matters:** None.

**SUMMARY:**

H.153 amends Chapter 111, regarding the department of public health, by adding a new section titled Section 70I. It restricts a physician or health care provider from testing any person for the presence of marijuana or THC without first obtaining that person's written informed consent. This bill would also restrict providers and staff from disclosing results of such tests to any person other than the subject of the test without written consent or identifying the subject of the test without first obtaining the subject's written informed consent. The consent form shall state the purpose of the inquiry to release medical information. This bill makes a violation of this new section equivalent to a violation of section 2 of chapter 93A regarding unfair trade practices.