

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

**Bill Number:** H.162

**Title:** An Act relative to research by independent testing laboratories

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. David M. Rogers (Cambridge)

**Hearing Date:** May 7, 2025

**Reporting Deadline:** July 6, 2025

**Prior History:**

2023-2024 (H.116): Reported favorably; Referred to House Steering, Policy, and Scheduling; Read second and ordered to a third reading.  
2021-2022 (H.172): Reported favorably; Referred to House Steering, Policy, and Scheduling.

**Similar Matters:** None.

**CURRENT LAW:**

Section 15 of 94G of the Massachusetts General Laws prohibits any individual who possesses an interest in or is an agent of an independent testing laboratory from possessing an interest in a marijuana establishment. The Cannabis Control Commission regulations 935 CMR 500 define marijuana establishment to include Marijuana Research Facility Licensees.

**SUMMARY:**

H.162 would allow Independent Testing Laboratories and their agents to maintain a financial interest in facilities licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission to conduct research.