

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO.	H1877																						
TITLE:	An Act relative to assault and battery upon a transit worker																						
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HEARING DATE:	May 6, 2025																						
PRIOR HISTORY:	H1669 (2023-2024) H1781 (2021-2022)																						
SENATE BILL:	None																						
CURRENT LAW:	Section 13D of Chapter 265 of the General Laws creates the crimes of assault and battery upon public employees, attempts to disarm a police officer, and assault and battery upon a police officer. The statute penalizes assault and battery upon any public employee when such person is engaged in the performance of their duties at the time of such assault and battery. The offense carries a sentence of between 90 days to 2.5 years' incarceration or and a fine of \$500 to \$5,000, or both.																						
BILL SUMMARY:	Section 1 – Adds to Section 13D that the assault can be by use of a bodily substance.																						

Section 2 - Adds public transport worker to the list of covered public employees in Section 13D.

Section 3 – Adds a definition of bodily substance to Section 13D.